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Colonel-In-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

The year 1996 was important Regimentally for the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, during the Korean War, in which Second Battalion distinguished itself so heroically and whose members wear the blue ribbon of the citation awarded to them by the U.S.A. for their valour.

I was very pleased to be able to travel to Winnipeg at the end of June especially to take part in the celebrations of a wide and varied nature in which the Korean Community played an important part. The Trooping was of the impressive high standard achieved by much hard work in its preparation. The presence in the Marchpast of 45 Korean veterans as well as over 100 others gave a very special meaning to the occasion. The only sadness was that their highly-regarded Commanding Officer at the time of Kapyong, Colonel Jim Stone, was not well enough to attend.

It is particularly good to know that Second Battalion were posted for peacekeeping duties in Bosnia at the end of the year, in view of their disappointment last year at being stood down for that assignment after much hard training and preparation. I shall look forward to visiting them there next year.

I was not able to visit my First and Third battalions this year as their activities at that time did not make it possible — but I always hear with great interest what they are doing and know how much hard work is involved in putting into practice plans for new conformations and moves to new Headquarters. This is always difficult and current changes seem unending but are always faced with the cheerful determination so characteristic of our Regiment. I am sure the results will be excellent, despite the pangs these changes cause.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Major-General C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

In another year of surprise and change, all Patricias met the challenge marvellously in 1996. Third Battalion moved from Chilliwack to Edmonton and reformed as a light infantry battalion. First Battalion has maintained a heavy training schedule while preparing to close out Currie Barracks and relocate to Edmonton Garrison. The Battle School has maintained all training commitments while preparing for its amalgamation into the Western Area Training Centre. Spared relocation from Winnipeg, Second Battalion concentrated on training and also hosted the fine celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. It can be hoped that the budget reductions, base closures and unit relocations have now stabilized so that our future can be planned with more confidence.

The year also held its operational challenge. Second Battalion was tasked to serve in the NATO Stabilization Force and, after months of intensive training, deployed to Bosnia in January 1997. A Coy, Third Battalion has also deployed as part of the 2PPCLI Battle Group. The First Battalion trained for UN operations in Haiti but did not deploy. Elements of that battalion deployed to Central Africa with the Disaster Assistance Response Team. Others stood by in Trenton and Calgary while the mission was reconsidered and then cancelled. The battalion is now training to form the nucleus of the Battle Group which will deploy to Bosnia in July.

The vast majority of Canadians will be relieved when the Somalia Inquiry finally concludes its hearings and announces its findings. Two other studies, commissioned by the Minister of Defence, into the forces organization and justice system have also been placed on short tracks. By mid 1997 we will have a much better idea of how this will all play out but there are already benefits. The Somalia Inquiry has demonstrated that we in the Forces are measured by a higher standard than most Canadians. So it should be. Our awesome responsibility as the final guarantors of the security of this nation demands no less. But our higher standard of discipline also requires a more robust and expedient justice system for military personnel. In essence we in the military must be prepared to surrender some of our constitutional rights and freedoms to ensure the operational effectiveness of the forces. To do this we need to be confident that deeply rooted military ethics will replace the constitutional protection we surrender. The reemphasis on military ethics that will result from these inquiries is welcomed and, in the judgement of most, overdue. Increasingly there is a realization that the combining of the Canadian Forces Headquarters with the Department of National Defence bureaucracy in 1972 has done much more to undermine effective leadership than did the unification of the three services. Some re-separation of military and civilian lines of responsibility seems inevitable and is equally welcomed.

In the final analysis we must face up to the fact that some ugly incidents did happen in Somalia and should not have. Our own Regimental family is not without blame. Like all good families we will reflect, draw our lessons and be better for the experience. We will also reflect on the tremendous work done in Somalia by the Canadian Airborne Regiment under extremely difficult circumstances and the exemplary service of the vast majority of its members. I congratulate all Patricias who have finally been awarded the Somalia medal and urge them to wear it with justifiable pride.

Civic Messages

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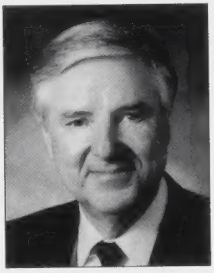
Mayor of Edmonton



As First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry completes its move to Edmonton during 1997, it is my extreme pleasure to welcome and extend best wishes to Regimental members and their families.

Edmonton has proudly supported the Canadian Forces for more than 50 years. It is our privilege now to offer a full measure of support to each of you in making the transition here.

We do appreciate that no matter how sincere and enthusiastic the welcome, closing the chapter on a more than 60-year legacy at the Currie Barracks is not without mixed sentiment. We realize your northward move involves difficult goodbyes, but we stand ready to offer new friendships and a wonderful city to call home.

We trust Edmonton will serve a worthy post as First Battalion carries on the rich tradition and intrepid service exhibited by more than three generations of Patricias.

Al Duerr
Mayor of Calgary

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary, I am pleased to extend my warmest greeting to the members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In particular, I wish to extend my best wishes to the men and women of 1PPCLI, based in Calgary. As 1996 was the final full year that 1PPCLI will be stationed at Currie Barracks, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the Battalion and its history in Calgary.

Since June 1947 when the Battalion arrived in Calgary, 1PPCLI has been a valued part of this community. Calgarians are proud of the Battalion's record of military service, both during the Korean War and with the United Nations peacekeeping missions in Cyprus and the former Yugoslavia.

1PPCLI will always share a special place in our city's history. No matter where their Home Station may be located, members of the Battalion will always be welcome in Calgary.

I would like to wish 1PPCLI continued success in its proud service to Canada.

In Memoriam

Brigadier-General Rowan Coleman, DSO, MC, MID

BGen Rowan Coleman passed away on September 21, 1996 in Montreal. He was 81 years old.

General Coleman was born in Winnipeg on June 22, 1915. He joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in September, 1940 and was dispatched to North Africa for battle experience with the British First Army in 1942. He rejoined the Patricia's for the 1943 invasion of Sicily, winning the MC for leading a company-level charge into the village of Leonforte. Promoted Major, he assumed the Regiment's Second-in-Command's position and from time to time was acting CO. On May 5, 1944, now LCol Coleman took command of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and was subsequently wounded in the Battle of the Liri Valley. In February 1945 he assumed command of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in North West Europe. Between Meppen and Oldenburg, he led the Regiment in a running battle through heavy fire, mined, cratered and booby trapped roads, and savage street fighting, to win the DSO. From 1948-1950 he commanded the 18th Infantry Brigade (Reserve) in Calgary.

Following his military service, Rowan Coleman was employed as a registrar at McGill University in Montreal. He was fondly remembered as giving much of his spare time to helping alcohol abuse sufferers and collecting modern Canadian art. Brigadier Coleman is buried in the Field of Honour in Pointe Claire, Quebec.

Lieutenant Bill Roach, DSO

Lt Bill Roach passed away on April 7, 1996 in Burnaby. He was 76 years old. Bill Roach was born in Rostern, Saskatchewan on December 18, 1919. He enlisted with the Princess Pats in Winnipeg on September 1, 1939. On joining the unit, Private Roach was immediately assigned to the platoon commanded by Lt Cammie Ware. Throughout training in England, Bill's leadership potential was recognized and he attained the rank of Sergeant. He entered officer training in March of 1943 and missed the Regiment's battle indoctrination in Sicily and southern Italy. Lieutenant Roach rejoined the PPCLI in command of 15 Platoon, C Coy on September 20, 1944. During a battalion attack to the west of the Naviglio Canal on December 19, 15 Platoon (part of the vanguard) captured Casa Argelli near the main objective. In order to support the continuation of the battalion's attack, Lt Roach and his men set about fortifying the building for use as a firm base. Following the serious wounding of his OC, Lt Roach assumed command of C Coy and organized and led the defence of the building for over 10 hours, at times personally leading counter attacks against enemy infantry and panzer probes. Forced out of the structure later by a heavy bombardment, and with mounting casualties, he continued the tenacious defence until 9 p.m. on the 20th, when the unit resumed the offensive. Lt Roach was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his gallant actions on 19/20 December, 1944.

Following the war, Bill studied law at UBC, and later practiced in Kitchener, Vancouver, and Prince George before rejoining the CF and serving as a military lawyer in Petawawa.

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Regimental Gratuities

Individuals who contribute annually in accordance with the current scale of Regimental Contributions are provided at no charge:

a. an annual copy of the Patrician;
b. his sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
c. a Regimental Gift -

(1) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic Engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service (units to action).

(2) for all Patricias on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4½" pewter statuette of a Modern Day PPCLI Soldier, PPCLI Drummer Boy, WWI Soldier or WWII Soldier suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service (RHQ to action); and

(3) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, a 6½" pewter figurine of a WWI Soldier mounted on a Walnut base, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service (RHQ to action).

Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual.

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action sub-paragraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ by message, of Patricias retiring particulars, i.e. name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement/release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

The PPCLI Association is a non-profit, benevolent corporate and politic body composed of serving and former members of PPCLI or others who have shared a common bond of service and experiences in and with PPCLI.

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1. To encourage and promote public interest and support of the PPCLI.
2. To perpetuate and recognize the close bonds of comradeship and esprit de corps created by past and present members of the Regiment.
3. To foster, maintain and promote the tradition and well being of the Regiment.
4. To establish and maintain the Regimental Museum and Archives for the purpose of preserving and recording the historical heritage of the Regiment and exhibiting such material to members of the Regiment and to the public.
5. To assist members and widows and children of deceased members of the Regiment where assistance cannot be provided by other social agencies.
6. To collect, receive, hold and invest funds and property from contributions, gifts, grants, subscriptions or legacies and to use such funds for the furthering of the objectives of this Association.
7. To provide bursaries through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

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Message from the National President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

Mr. Doug Bedford, CD

Message from the President

I would like to bring you greetings from all the Associate members. From all accounts it has been a busy year for the Regiment and we are very proud of you all.

We will be holding our Association Annual General Meeting on the August 1st long weekend in Saskatoon. If you are in the area come out and join the festivities.

Once again the Association held its casino and we fared pretty well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Calgary Branch and RHQ for their hard work and dedication.

We have a pretty hectic summer coming up in Calgary. We have the World Police and Fire Games in June, along with the Closing Out Ceremonies for CFB Calgary and the visit of our patron. Additionally, the Calgary Branch has been given the opportunity to participate in the 6 lb. Anti-Tank Gun Scroll Relay that will depart Currie Barracks on July 11. It is also a sad time for many of the Association members as a lot of them started and ended their military careers here in Calgary.

Just one little reminder, if you or anyone you know is furthering their education and requires financial assistance, ask RHQ about the bursary fund. If you qualify, fill out a bursary application — you may be pleasantly surprised!

In closing I would just like to wish all those moving to Edmonton health and happiness, and to the rest of you may God bless and keep you.

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Warrant Officer D.W. Morris
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Sergeant S.R. Bajema (1995)

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The Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms Trophy
A Coy 2PPCLI

The Louis Scott Cock 'O The Walk Trophy
PPCLI Battle School

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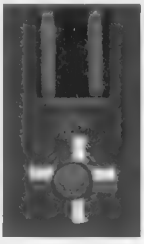

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MGen R.R. Crabbe, OMM, MSC, CD

Meritorious Service Medal

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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The First and Finest

1996 was a memorable year for the First Battalion. An extremely challenging training schedule and the introduction of some innovative training programmes were overseen by our new Commanding Officer. These activities, combined with a variety of Brigade sport and unit military competitions, and the unexpected addition of training for a humanitarian mission, made for an incredibly busy, but challenging training year. The training this year focused on offensive and airmobile operations until September 1996 when the focus shifted to defensive and patrolling operations.

Exercise Roving Gander

Exercise Roving Gander was a joint exercise between 408 Helicopter Squadron and 1 PPCLI in January 1996. The exercise began with two days of Officer and Senior NCO training that focused on the planning, mounting and the execution of an airmobile operation. Following the training, companies were given the opportunity to conduct an airmobile raid operation in the dead of winter. The "First" not only had an excellent experience, but gained a wealth of knowledge from the planning through to execution of the operation.

Ex Roving Gander, Coy attack.

Exercise Strong Contender

Exercise Strong Contender was the annual 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) sports competition held at CFB Calgary from 26 January to 2 February 1996. Special mention goes to the battalion volleyball and arm wrestling teams who received gold medals. Competition throughout the brigade was fierce. All 1 PPCLI teams made a fine showing.

Cpl Turnball (center) suits up with other members of the 1PPCLI hockey team.

Winter Military Skills Competition

Major General Crabbe presenting the winter military skills comp plaque to Lt Boyuk 5 Pl B Coy.

From 19 February to 29 February 1996, the rifle platoon sections participated in the winter military skills competition. The first event was a 10 kilometre cross-country forced march followed immediately by timed tent drills, and then a military first aid stand. With barely enough time to catch their collective breaths, the sections moved to Buffalo Range for a timed falling plate shoot preceded by a 3.2 kilometre run. The competition ended with a kit inspection. 5 Platoon, Bravo Company were the well-deserving victors.

Exercise Patricia Storm

Exercise Patricia Storm was a company offensive exercise conducted from 3 March to 17 March 1996 in CFB Wainwright. Each Company was assigned an eight day training block, six days of which were used for Company training and validation procedures; the remaining two days featured combat team operations with the LdSH(RC) and 1 CER. The highlight of the exercise was the combat team assault on the former Warsaw Pact style company trench system. Charlie and Delta Companies were attached to the LdSH(RC) battle group for their validation. (How could our armoured comrades fail, they had the Patricias!) Concurrently, Recce and Pioneer Platoons participated in a 1 CMBG concentration to hone the special skills and tactics. Mortar platoon was the aggressive enemy force and TOW platoon supported companies on the traces. Overall, the exercise was a success in spite of the snowstorms and sub-zero temperatures.

C6 gunner in position to support the Assault on the Warsaw Pact trench system.

Pte Flamont and Pte Robson of 1PPCLI Pioneer Platoon, preparing C4 explosive for an obstacle demolition.

Regimental Day

Regimental Day began with a unit parade that was reviewed by Major General Crabbe. As soon as the parade was over, companies moved to the sports field to play some friendly inter-company sports that included flag football, tug of war, and floor hockey. Upon the conclusion of the sports, the battalion sat down together for a luncheon. The lunch was a great way to unwind and provided an opportunity for everyone to share some post-exercise war stories. The day ended with broom-i-loo games and the awards ceremony.

Uncasing the Colours on Regimental Day:
Lt Pitcher, Sgt Bates and Sgt Davis escort the colours.

MCpl Menard and Major Bagnall (D Coy)
accepting the Silver Spanner from General Crabbe.

Exercise Western Express

The unit headquarters staff at both battalion and company level deployed to JCSTC Kingston for Exercise Western Express from 10 to 17 April 1996. The aim of the exercise was to validate the battalion command and staff in offensive, defensive, and airmobile operations. This was achieved with the aid of an advanced computer simulation system called JANUS. The exercise was a success with the unit successfully completing all traces. On the final day, the unit successfully destroyed nine Motor Rifle battalions.

Exercise Prairie Ram

Once again, the Battalion deployed to sunny Wainwright with the rest of 1 CMBG for Exercise Prairie Ram from 19 April to 4 May 1996. The exercise commenced with a unit tactical road move from Calgary to CFB Wainwright. The aim of Prairie Ram was to validate the companies within a combat team scenario in offensive operations. The LdSH(RC), 1 RCHA, 1 CER and other arms were brought together for the last three days of the exercise to participate in a very impressive battle group assault. During the month of April, TOW platoon participated in the 1 CMBG TOW concentration.

OC C Coy mounted and ready to go.

Clearing Enemy Pos — CBT Tm attacks Ex Prairie Ram 96.

B Coy loading their carriers during Ex Prairie Ram.

1PPCLI Pioneer Platoon preparing Bangalores for a wire obstacle demolition.

Frezenburg Day

On 8 May 1996, the Battalion observed one of its many Battle Honours, the Battle of Frezenburg. As the Regimental Colour was paraded in front of the battalion, we all remembered the price that was paid by our comrades in arms. "We shall not forget them."

IBTS Training Wainwright

In anticipation of a deployment to Haiti (OP Standard), the Battalion began pre-deployment training in May, commencing with Warrior Training. After completing the gruelling weapons drills and other specific forms of training for the mission, the Battalion deployed to CFB Wainwright from 10 to 19 June 1996. Staging out of the bivouac site known as Wapati, other portions of Warrior Training were conducted such as navigation exercises and live fire small arms ranges. Much to the disappointment of the soldiers, the Haiti mission was ultimately tasked to another unit, but the training was an excellent refresher and we continued to soldier on.

After this training, A Company deployed to CFB Dundurn to support the reserves in Exercise Western Challenge. Members of the battalion competed in the 1 CMBG Mountain Man competition and seized second place as a major unit. In July 1996, 15 members of the Battalion participated in the Nijmegen marches in Holland. This experience was definitely more enjoyable than the marches conducted back home because the nightly parties, not to mention the attention from the Canadian-loving Dutch, soothed even the most tired, aching bodies!

Members of A Coy preparing for OP Standard.

Sgt MacDonald adjusts sights for the troops.

Members of D Coy preparing for OP Standard.

1PPCLI Mountain Man Team '96.

Patricia Challenge

From 28 to 29 August 1996, the rifle companies competed against one another on Exercise Patricia Challenge in Calgary. The event consisted of a 16 km march in fighting order followed by a timed range shoot. After a great deal of sweat and some tears, 11 platoon, D Company was victorious.

Throughout the month of August, the Battalion conducted adventure training, from Kananaskis trail hikes to canoeing on the Bow River. Adventurous fun was had by all.

Capt Corbould and his troops near the finish line.

A Coy 3 Pl during the March and Shoot comp.

Patricia Badger

The Battalion began the new training year with a unit level deployment to our second home, CFB Wainwright, for Exercise Patricia Badger, 11 to 20 September 1996. Patricia Badger was a company level defensive exercise where each company dug a complete defensive position, mostly in the driving rain. The exciting climax of the exercise was the company live fire defensive shoot that included overhead fire from a .50 calibre machine gun. As well, the pioneer platoon conducted a demolitions camp and the other support platoons completed specialized training.

Defensive expert MCpl Keeley shows a young troop how to construct his trench

Cpl Carr loves his overhead cover.

PCF Training Cycle

The Primary Combat Function (PCF) courses were held both in Calgary and in CFB Wainwright during the months of October and November 1996. The PCF courses conducted were basic communicator, basic mortar, basic assault pioneer, basic machine gunner, driver wheeled, driver AVGP, bison conversion and driver track. 245 lucky soldiers of the battalion participated in one of these courses.

Nuke simulation PNR course 9601.

Cpl Ascurde, Ptes Janesek and Horten man their C6s.

Remembrance Day

Due to the move to Edmonton in 1997, the entire First Battalion paraded for the last Remembrance Day ceremonies to be held in Calgary. Companies paraded at various locations around the city, with the largest contingent convened at the Jubilee Auditorium where the Reviewing Officer was our Commanding Officer, LCol Semianiw. Some personnel also visited sites throughout southern Alberta on this very special occasion. Lest we forget.

Lt Johnston and the laying of the colours on Remembrance Day.

The Corps of Drums during Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Men's Christmas Dinner

The year concluded with the Men's Christmas Dinner held in the Battalion drill hall. Numerous promotions and awards for the most proficient NCOs and subaltern were presented. This celebration concluded a very busy year for the First Battalion. May the new year and our move to a new home bring the Regiment and our unit luck.

Cpl Capulong and boys waiting to be served dinner.

The CO and Pte M.T. Cook, A Coy, carving the Christmas turkey.

A Company

The main tasking for A Company this year was "DART" (Disaster Assistance Relief Team). The DART is a team made up of a field hospital, a logistic platoon, and a platoon of infantry. The platoon of infantry was to provide security for the other elements of DART. Training for this task started on 18 April 1996 in CFB Wainwright just before Ex Prairie Ram 96. Yes, that's right, the boys of A Company got to enjoy four days before and after Prairie Ram 96 up in sunny CFB Wainwright doing ranges and security training. Next came Exercise Stalwart Griffin conducted in the Sarcee training area. During this exercise we trained together with the designated non-infantry elements. Then came Ex Ready Griffin in Trenton, Ont., where we sorted through kit collected from all over Canada, separating the rubber gloves from the inflatable rafts. DART also put a twist on the Company's summer leave plan and we were forced to split the summer block leave ensuring we always had a full strength platoon ready to fly on 72 hrs notice to deploy.

MCpl Murphy, A Coy, always ready for a java.

Pte Thir, A Coy, ready for combat.

B Company

B Company started the new year in the battalion as a rough and tough rifle company. However, to assist in a smooth move to Edmonton in 1997, B Company was transferred to Edmonton and is known as B Company (forward). B Company currently has the mission to ensure that the new building in Edmonton is ready to receive the battalion in 1997. However, B Company must still strive to remain ready to deploy on exercise with the battalion as a rifle company.

In Oct 96, B Company received approximately 150 augmentee reserve soldiers that were intended for Op Palladium. The augmentees were put through a DAG, after which the Warrior training began, and as soon as it began it was over. After B Company returned to Edmonton, many soldiers deployed back to CFB Wainwright to be staff on various in house courses at the PPCLI Battle School.

B Company eagerly awaits the arrival of the two new platoons that will graduate in the new year. B Company will be a formidable force at the next battalion exercise.

The Men of B Coy with the new building at CFB Edmonton.

C Company

It has been a busy year for C Company, chock full with "ups" and "downs". We started training early this year, going on a five day winter patrolling exercise in Kananaskis at the end of January. The focus was to be platoon and section level patrolling, but it was so cold it turned into an exercise in survival. In February C Company participated in Exercise Patricia Storm, a Company level mechanized offensive exercise. Those two weeks were brimming with platoon and company attacks, conducting offensive operations with tanks. The culmi-

nation of our hard training came in April with Exercise Prairie Ram. The exercise was fast-paced and altogether successful in achieving its aim of building cooperation between the units of 1 CMBG.

The word that 1 PPCLI was possibly going to be deployed to Haiti in September brought on excitement and a massive reorganization. In June we moved to CFB Wainwright with a new Company Commander, Company Second in Command, and elements from Combat Support for Ex Ready Patricia. Upon completion of exercise Ready Patricia our hearts fell when the mission was designated to another unit. So we reverted to having some fun adventure training and taking summer block leave.

In August we conducted a week-long patrolling exercise in the Crowsnest Pass. We then dug like badgers on exercise Patricia Badger in September. As soon as fall arrived, it was PCF time. C Company was tasked with running the AVGP Course for all three PPCLI battalions. The entire month of October was spent in modular tents in sunny Wainwright as the 100 or so students bopped around the training area. Well, that's the year, so far!

MCpl Thornton ready to go as usual.

D Company

Delta Company was very active this past year with an entire change in command staff of the company. Time spent in garrison was short as we spent most of our time in the field on various battalion and company exercises. The dynamic duo of Maj Vida and CSM Hart created varied and challenging training. Incredibly, the company canteen was available throughout all phases of war by day or night, regardless of season, weather or terrain.

The success of Delta Company was due in no small part to the enthusiasm and vigour of 10, 11 and 12 platoons. CFB Wainwright was where the majority of the training exercises were held, but some training adventures was held at Sibbald Flats and the Crowsnest Pass. To finish the very successful 1996 training year, the company focused primarily on patrolling and live fire defensive operations ranges. To most, the defence means digging, and after Patricia Badger Delta Company was very proficient in digging. Three feet of overhead cover was the company standard and we achieved it within 24 hours.

In the new year, the company looks towards the frosty north for the brigades sovereignty exercise in Baker Lake, Northwest Territories.

"Mess with the Rhino, ya get the horn!"

Members of D Coy learning how to build a snow position.

Combat Support Company

The 1996 training year was a fast-paced and exciting one for Combat Support Company. In fact, a number of operations — or preparations for operations — provided ample opportunity for all members of the company to show off their flexibility, and their innate ability to adapt to rapidly-changing situations.

The company busied itself during major exercises by providing the unit with its eyes and ears: it supplied the organic indirect fire support, it delivered an anti-armour punch, it fulfilled minor mobility and counter-mobility tasks, it established comms, and it collated intelligence. When not participating on major exercises, there was also some time to have a little fun at the platoon level as well. In August, both Pioneers and Signals Platoon conducted adventure training in Banff and Waterton Park respectively. Anti-Armour Platoon wreaked havoc on the Brits as the enemy force for Exercise Medicine Man at the British Army Training Unit Suffield. Recce Platoon spent the autumn months preparing to convert the Battalion to the new LAV APC. And, last but not least, Mortar Platoon honed their skills by firing live on Exercises Rapid Salvo and Last Crack.

There were a great many other activities, some of which are reflected in the photos, and some of which are not. Still, from the sampling of photos presented, it should be obvious that we did manage to have fun at least "51% of the time".

Cpl Calwell and Cpl Parnell employing Recces fast attack vehs.

Administration Company

Admin Company has spent the better part of the year preparing, working out of, or tearing down various bivouacs in the CFB Wainwright training area. Never returning to the same place twice, the company has had a hand in putting in gravelled kitchen areas into no less than four separate locations with a fifth already prepared for future operations. Our most notable accomplishment was a two month deployment to Peregrine 7 where we supported Exercise Patricia Badger, followed by Exercise Vigilant Palladium where we played host to troops from the 2nd and 3rd battalions as well as reserves from Western Area, and finally the unit PCF cycle.

Life in garrison has consisted mainly of supporting the numerous exercises and operations that have been undertaken by both the battalion and the brigade. As the 2nd battalion has taken over most of our AVGPs we are looking forward to rerolling in the light role for 1997 and packing up and heading north to Edmonton.

Sgt Will with a French Meat Pie ready for the oven.

Some very happy members of Admin Coy.

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JRTC - USA

The year 1996 began with B Coy deploying to Fort Polk, Louisiana in the USA. Specifically, B Coy participated in the JRTC, conducting air assault training with the 101st Airborne Div. The exercise combined all phases of war (dismounted) while using MILES gear. The enemy force, comprised of US Rangers, were incredibly impressed with the Canadian soldiers' aggression and fire and movement throughout each phase of the exercise. It was an exceptional exercise where B Coy got a chance to sharpen its dismounted skills as well as avoid one of the most bitter cold snaps in Winnipeg history.

Ready, Set ... oh, oh, my MILES gear went off.

The model is designed to simplify the orders for the troops . . did it work, you tell us?

Ex Nordic Patricia

While B Coy was off training with the 101st, the rest of the 2nd Battalion was preparing for what would be one of the coldest winter exercises on record. From 9-18 Feb, the Battalion deployed to CFB Shilo for Exercise Nordic Patricia, the unit's annual winter exercise. The Battalion worked through several live fire ranges to get back into the swing of things and then began the Battalion trace. After several successful company hasty attacks against the enemy force (C Coy) the unit went into a hasty defence and prepared for the next day's Battalion deliberation attack. The attack went off without a hitch, proving that soldiers from Winnipeg definitely know how to live and work in **extremely cold** conditions.

Help!
I've fallen and I can't get up.

Which one of these doesn't belong?

I know I dropped my contact lens around here somewhere!

1CMBG Ski School

Throughout the winter the Battalion sent instructors and candidates off to ski school. The chalet, where homework was a four letter word, seemed to be the most popular "classroom". The troops got a chance to relax and have some fun as well as learn how to ski and look cool on the slopes.

Combat Support's Ski Bunnies on the slopes at Ski School.

Broom-i-loo

The month of March brought on Regimental Day and the annual "Broom-i-loo" game. B Coy took the inter-company championship while the officers vanquished the seemingly frazzled Sr NCOs (but don't tell them that). All in all it was a fun day, and remember it's all fun and games until someone gets a concussion, then it's a sport!

This slippery sucker isn't going to get by us again! Damn, we missed.

Ex Prairie Ram

Next came Exercise Prairie Ram in everyone's favourite spot, Wainwright. From 15-28 Apr the Battalion deployed, by bus, to Alberta in order to get back into mechanized warfare. Unfortunately there were no live fire ranges being run during the exercise. After the companies reasserted their mechanized drills, the Battalion shook out and charged up the trace, combat team attack after combat team attack, laying notional carnage to everything in its path. The unit even executed a few deliberate river crossings which culminated in a Battalion deliberate attack that impressed all who watched. The exercise was short, but time was well spent and 2PPCLI proved to the Brigade once more that the Second Battalion is "Second to None".

How long is this guy going to chat for?

The Brady Bunch.

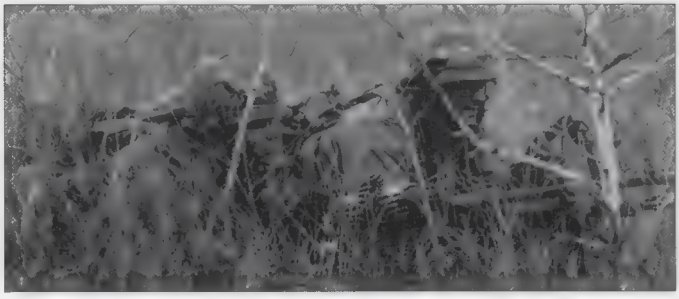
Hello, we come in peace ... NOT!

Cpl Hudson: "Look Mom, I can swim!"

Curly, Larry and Moe — or is it Slemp?

Maj Brennan and CSM White ready for action!

Pull my finger!!



Be vewy, vewy quiet. We're hunting wabbits.

You watch my back,
I'll watch your's.

Pte Lince, the APC is not contaminated.
Oops, maybe it is now!

Winnipeg Air Show

In May, A Company was tasked to provide both a static display and an "Army demo" for the 1996 Winnipeg Air Show. With an example of all the Battalion had in the way of kit and duties, the aircrew spent considerably more time with the "grunts" than they did looking at some old plane. The finale was a simulated hostage rescue involving helo rappelling, a mechanized deployment, artillery and finally a CF-18 on a bombing run. A pyro expert lit off a 1000' long by 300' high wall of flame as the Hornet flew past. A few singed eyebrows were suffered, but it was worth it to hear how the "Army stole the Air Force's Air Show."

Another happy client of the 2PPCLI "Death Slide" at the Winnipeg Air Show.

Kapyong 45th Anniversary

May and June were exciting times for the Battalion. A select few were chosen for Trooping the Colours and the Change of Command — drill, drill, with some drill thrown in for good measure. However, it all paid off on June 25th when the Kapyong 45th Anniversary celebrations got underway. Both parades were a tremendous success. The Colonel-in-Chief graced us with a visit and added immeasurably to the celebrations. At the close of the Kapyong festivities, LCol Fraser took command of the Battalion and the soldiers bid a fond farewell to LCol Turner and his family. The only low point of the whole weekend was when the "Better 'Ole" closed. It was a sad day in the Battalion.

LCol Turner presents the Colonel-in-Chief with a memento of the 45th Anniversary of Kapyong celebrations.

"Hey General (Brigadier Meating), do you think the pioneers shave with those double-bit axes?"

LCol Fraser performs his first duty as CO 2PPCLI.

Pte Weiler rips groin attacking Sgt Davis.

The QMSI, MWO McArdle, takes 5 at the Better Ole.

IS Training

After the high of the Kapyong celebrations, the Companies each participated in IS training. The Winnipeg Police were kind enough to provide their riot squad. They escaped with relatively few injuries, though the mental scars will be around much longer.

Stand back Copper, let the soldiers show you how it's done.

Preparing for the cavity search.

Ex Cooperative Osprey

In the first week of August, members of A and D Companies deployed to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina to participate in a multi-national peacekeeping exercise. Contingents from 23 countries around the world, including a number of former Soviet Republics, participated in the "Partnership for Peace" Exercise Cooperative Osprey, hosted by the USMC from 5-30 August.

The training consisted of a number of Situational Training Exercises that were designed to introduce and practice the various nations in different aspects of peacekeeping operations. These included mine awareness, vehicle convoys, mass casualty relief, civil disturbances, humanitarian relief and cordon and search operations.

The exercise finished with a three day FTX which provided the opportunity for the soldiers to demonstrate what they had learned. At the soldier level there was a sense of military comradeship and interest in others' techniques and equipment that allowed them to overcome what seemed to be an impenetrable language barrier and work together. The professionalism of the Canadian soldier was lauded by the marines and the partner nations. BZ.

Members of the D Coy Platoon in front of their field Bivouac at "LZ Bluebird", Camp Le Jeune.

Maj Bell straightens out the Marine Corps, starting at the top.

Follow the Canadians' lead.

The Hungarians showing our man the Dragonoff.

The Patricias demonstrate how to corner in the sand.

Mountain Operations Course

At the same time, Recce Platoon was enjoying a Mountain Operations course in Hinton, Alberta. This was carried out in conjunction with the 502nd Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. This exercise completed the exchange started earlier in the year with our visit to Fort Polk. The summer concluded with several small groups participating in different types of adventure training.

GATES

September saw the start of a truly hectic period for the Battalion. We were warned about the possibility of a deployment to Bosnia, forcing the Battalion to work overtime to fit both IBTS training and the annual PCF cycles together. Hard work by all involved allowed this to be completed satisfactorily.

While the first phase of the IBTS training was going on, a Platoon from B Company, later augmented by a Section from 11 Platoon, D Company, went to CFB Shilo to take part in a joint Canadian/GATES exercise, from 2-24 September. GATES or German Army Training Establishment Shilo, is the culmination of 10 months of hard training by the German soldiers. The Patricias worked up from live pairs to platoon ranges in preparation for a live fire combat team attack trace with the Germans. The final exercise went well, with the German Marders and Artillery combining with Canadian drive and determination to crush the enemy force.

CDS Visit

Gen Boyle inspects the Guard.

Ex Prairie Thunder II

While all of the hands-on training was taking place, Battalion Headquarters was frantically working out a plan for the training required for Op Palladium (the follow on Canadian military deployment after the IFOR mandate expired). With little guidance and no confirmation of the task, we set about preparing a plan for the necessary work-up training required for Wainwright. Starting with a small group sent to Wainwright for the AVGP/BISON/Turret courses, the unit eventually deployed all but a small rear party for Exercise Prairie Thunder II, which ran from 17 October through to 24 November.

The first phase of the exercise saw the individual Companies carry out further IBTS training and offensive operations, while D Company worked diligently in setting up and running the live fire ranges; from pairs up to combat team, as well as conducting the live fire defensive range. It is harrying on the nerves to run a section of Engineers through a live fire section range, but "safety first" was strictly adhered to.

With October coming to a close, the weather turned cold and bitter. As we moved into Phase 2 of the exercise, little did we know that we could all write off our winter indoc training, as well as conduct operations other than war (OOTW). The Battalion FTX had the men chomping at the bit and, though the Brigade exercise was less intensive at the conclusion, the Battalion Group was declared operationally ready. Now, if only the Government would give us the word.

A lighter (whiter) moment of the Operations Other Than War.

LCol Fraser and RSM Cooke in Wainwright "The mirror has two faces."

Tales from Possum Lodge, with your hosts CSM Lawler and WO Toupin: "Red Green's got nothing on these two."

In Conclusion

December saw the Recce Party leave for Bosnia. We had a verbal "Yes", but nothing confirmed. Would we be left at the altar again? Not this time! The word finally came down that we were indeed going. The year ended quietly with the normal block leave and, for the majority, embarkation leave as well.

Looking back, the year 1996 for the Second Battalion was a very memorable year filled with diversity. It was a year where the training was fast paced as a whole, bitterly cold during the winter solstice and frustrating during the pre-Bosnia work-ups. However, it was the comraderie displayed by all Patricia veterans and serving Patricias during the 45th that kept all focused and rejuvenated towards the unknown mission ahead. No one who witnessed the "old guards' march past that beautiful sunny Saturday morning, will ever forget the overwhelming emotion of being a proud Canadian that instantly overcame all present.

"Second to None". VP

LCol David Allison Fraser receives his MSM from the Governor General.

Pte Frye, 10 Pl: "Tom Cruise, eat your heart out."

Third Battalion

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Historical Review

The Third Battalion began its new phase of life 1 April 1996, moving from Chilliwack, as a 10/90 Battalion, to Edmonton, where it stood up as a Light Infantry Battalion within 1CMBG. Let me just say, moving from Lotus Land to Oil Town was a big change. Again, no Starbuck's. What kind of latte do you think you get from a place called "Grabbajabba"? Sounds like something out of Star Wars. Major Gibson was hand selected to command the auspicious group of ass-kickers known as (insert drum roll here) "3PPCLI Forward" (insert trumpet fanfare here). From its meager beginnings as a ten person implementation cell it quickly grew, absorbing the PPCLI Parachute Company upon their return from Fort Polk Louisiana later that same month. A valuable lesson was learned soon thereafter: put two soldiers in the same place and you need four people to administer to them. In between PERs, court appearances and CFPAF loans, preparations for the battalion's new home were made in buildings D2 and D3, formerly of CABC. Capt Glen "Cable Guy" Zilkalns deftly grasped the finer points of the CE world and had the buildings' innards ripped out and redesigned. All this was done under the watchful eye (and ruptured stomach) of Capt Chris "Hernia Boy" Ankersen, who, much to his chagrin, missed his chance to take the Basic Parachute Course with Capt Shane "Night Jump" Schreiber. Eventually, and surely with tears in his eyes, LCol Turner handed over the battalion to LCol Moher on 26 June 1996 with a strength of 243 all ranks. As the dust settled, the smell of burning rubber and the sound of mad laughter filled the air. The Third Battalion had stood up. It was getting to look like a contestant in a hokey pokey dance marathon, standing up, sitting down, and shaking all about so many times in the last few years.

The biggest influx of personnel arrived 12 August 1996 as a result of dozens of postings from across Canada, with even a couple Royals seeing the errors of their ways and joining in the fun. All this paved the way for the start of the training year in September. The battalion is well on its way to full strength at 533; however, Operation Palladium has meant 120 personnel of A Company have left to serve in Bosnia with 2 PPCLI.

The week of 6-9 August saw A Coy, Mortar Platoon (aka Tim Horton's Flying Circus) and elements of the eee-lite Recce Platoon conduct a Joint Tactical Airlift Ex Quick Jump in CFB Suffield. Things went well and no one was hurt ... badly. From 10-17 September the Battalion put itself through its paces during the Individual Battle Task Standards Ex Light Warrior in Wainwright. Again, so many boxes to tick, so little time.

October saw the battalion conduct a suite of PCF Courses (MG, Mor, Dvr Wh, Comms, HLVW, and Cbt Storeman). The real fun occurred when they deployed to the battalion's old stomping ground — Dundurn.

The French Grey Cup was rigged so that Combat Support appeared to win everything. Obviously, they cheated. As soon as the Hague is finished with the Yugoslav War Crimes Trials, they will be hearing Maj Gibson vs Capt Brink, MCpl Ford, et al in the Water Polo "your toenails are too long" dispute.

We conducted Winter Indoctrination in early December, not that it was needed, all the old Third Battalion hands are experts in the winter. Only, last that I remember, winter meant more rain and only golfing on the weekends. Obviously, we aren't in Work Point anymore. After that fun, we joined battle on the ice. The annual Officer vs SrNCO hockey game was the usual blow-out. The Officers squeaked past the wily, if a little old, NCOs to edge them 6-2. Gee, that was close. It all evened out, though: the NCOs got us banned from the Griesbach Officers' Mess after a tame session of "Piggy Back Pool cue jousting at a Christmas Wreath spinning from the ceiling fan." Fortunately, both pool cues and wreath narrowly missed the Regimental paintings. Good thing we didn't go with the DCO's original suggestion; how much is a stuffed coyote anyway?

A Company began deploying for Bosnia for Operation Palladium 2 January 1997, except for those whose passports got lost. Oh, well. Shortly thereafter, we learned that another 120 personnel, from B Company this time, were to prepare to serve with the LdSH(RC) in July. This is, of course, so tentative that no one believes it. Not until two days before, anyway. As a result, we cranked out another set of PCF Courses (MG, TOW, Comms, Dvr Wh) with less than a week's notice. Time is just something to get in the way, as the Ops Shop says these days.

There are only three things sure in life: death, taxes, and Ex Strong Contender. This baby will never be cancelled! At the time of writing we aren't sure of the results, but I'm pretty sure that 3PPCLI will kick butt, resuming its rightful place as king of the heap. The hockey team, all yearning for a chance to play WHL, were ready to take on all comers, under the expert leadership of WO John "Boom Boom" Marcioni and WO "Take it like a Man" Thurston.

The spring will see the battalion take part in its third consecutive Ex Cougar Salvo in Ft Lewis, Washington, in support of BC District reserve units. Although it will no doubt be successful, it could never compare to the wonderful experience that was Cougar Salvo 95. Three words: Poetry in Motion.

While C Company is taking care of that, B Company will be heading to Bridgeport, California and the US Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center for Ex Summit Peak, a mountain exercise bonanza. (Really, that's what they call it!)

As you can see, 3PPCLI has come a long way, trading in their surfboards for snowboards. The Hollywood Battalion is back, if not in location, certainly in style.

3 PPCLI Faces

A Coy HQ

Left to right, back row: MCpl Roy, MCpl Krejci, Capt Hildebrandt, Cpl Carrier, Cpl Gauthier.
Front row: Maj Hunt, WO Gates, Cpl Clavette, Cpl Kuzik, Cpl Domingue, Sgt Merry, Pte Bergeron, MWO Brown, Capt Annis.

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Lt Sherstan, WO Parrot, Sgt Duke, Sgt Kelln, Sgt Miles, MCpl Burr, MCpl Gauley, MCpl Jenn, MCpl Smith, Cpls Bateman, Goudie, Kerester, Koch, Leach, Long, Taylor, Wood, Ptes Blake, Caldwell, Cornect, Croucher, Hobner, King, Kopp, Penney, Phillips, Pope, Schraeder, Schultz, Shera, Stevenson, Sul, Treloan, Yon.

2 Pl

Capt Kozroski, WO Payette, Sgt McKenzie, Sgt Morrison, Sgt Poffley, MCpl Harper, MCpl Meihuizen, MCpl Silva, MCpl Sinclair, Cpls Ambrose, Barkley, Hebbard, Jackson, Jones, Nyberg, Schell, Ptes Anderson, Blackburn, Derosier, Fardy, Gardner, Killoran, Krasniuk, Leger, McCallum, McKenna, Morer, Mullin, Otto, Poissant, Richard, Segal, Stewart, Walsh, Williams, Willms.

3 Pl

Capt Byers, WO Green, Sgt D'Andrade, Sgt Jones, Sgt Strader, MCpl Dunn, MCpl Fyfe, MCpl Matthies, MCpl Speed.
Cpls Daigle, Duguid, Havens, Ingram, Love, Northmore.

B Coy HQ

Left to right: Capt John Hodgins, Pte Kevin Hillier, Pte Lemuel MacAulay, MCpl Rob Brentnall, MCpl Tim Halcro, Cpl Lorne Mann, Cpl Rob Crowley, Cpl Dan McMullen, MCpl Tony Oickle, WO Sid Estey.

4 Pl

Left to right: WO George Forbes, Pte Erik Dsrosiers, Pte Ryan Howlett, Pte Clayton Derouin, Pte Matthew O'Leary, Sgt Mike House.

5 Pl

Left to right, back row: Pte John Caldwell, Pte Chris Laliberte, Pte Jesse DeCosta, Pte Ed Turk, Pte Dan Joudrey, Pte Randall McLaughlin, Cpl Robert Sox.
Middle row: WO Tony Meier, MCpl Tim Nathan, Pte Gary King, Pte Steve Paine, Pte Dave Moss, Pte Chris Hobson, MCpl Mike Rude, MCpl Rob Aube, Pte Arron Perry, MCpl Gary Folk.
Front row: Sgt John Duder, Pte Chris Flynn, Pte Phil Sacobie, Pte Doug Godin, Cpl Paul Chan, Cpl Tyrone Rhyno, Sgt Bill Thomas.

6 Pl

Left to right, back row: Sgt Dave Wilcox, Pte Ed Diggle, Pte Greg Eldridge, Pte Jason Terry, Pte Niall Anthony, Pte Damon Guard, Cpl Ralph Dickmeis, Pte Rick Savage, Sgt Eric Gebhardt. Middle row: WO Steve Charchuk, MCpl Kory Fisher, Cpl Doug Janes, Pte Sean Naugle, Pte Ryan Curle, Pte Mark Southcote, Pte Kurt St. Germain, MCpl Steve Bradet, MCpl Brian MacLean, Sgt Ben Weatherbie. Front row: Pte Chris Johnson, Pte Dwayne MacDougall, Pte Craig Donaldson, Pte Ian Siegert, Pte Greg Hart.

C Coy

Left to right, front row: Pte Brass, MCpl Gill, MCpl MacLaren, MCpl Parris, WO Annand, OCdt Sheehy-Tremblay, Sgt Wiebe, Sgt Ransome, Pte Dunwoody. Centre row: Sgt Stone, MCpl Levert, Cpl Janes, Cpl Papish, Pte Anderson, Pte Neville, Cpl Cote, Pte Wilson, MCpl Brown, Sgt Barry. Back row: Pte Mayling, Cpl Smith, Pte Mann, Pte Gladue, Pte Arnott, Pte MacIntyre, Pte Webber, Pte Brink, Pte Piatkowski, Pte McCoy. Absent: Maj Dunn, Capt Brister, 2Lt MacPherson, MWO Turple, WO Marchioni, WO Jure, WO Simon, Sgt Taylor, Sgt Currier, Sgt Demeules, Sgt Woodsworth, MCpl O'Brien, MCpl Lavallee, MCpl Ordish, MCpl Lloyd, MCpl Forsythe, MCpl MacDonald, Cpl Reynolds, Cpl Massey, Cpl D.W. Smith, Pte McCaffrey.

Cbt Sp HQ

Left to right: Capt Jamieson, MCpl Cox, Cpl Maronese, Sgt Ennis, CSM Northrup, MCpl DiBartolo, Capt Brink, WO Legarie.

Anti-Armour Platoon

Left to right, standing: MCpl Hurl, Pte Sellers, Cpl Mason, Cpl Davis, MCpl Robson.
Kneeling: Cpl Soukeroff, MCpl Scott, Cpl Minkus.
Absent: Capt Zilkalns, WO Vigue, Sgt Thom, Sgt Little.

Aslt Pnr Pl

Left to right, back row: Pte Kambites, Sgt Bajema, WO Linville, Pte Gross.
Front row: Pte Moore, Cpl Tower, Cpl Vriesendorp, MCpl Morrow.

Recce Pl

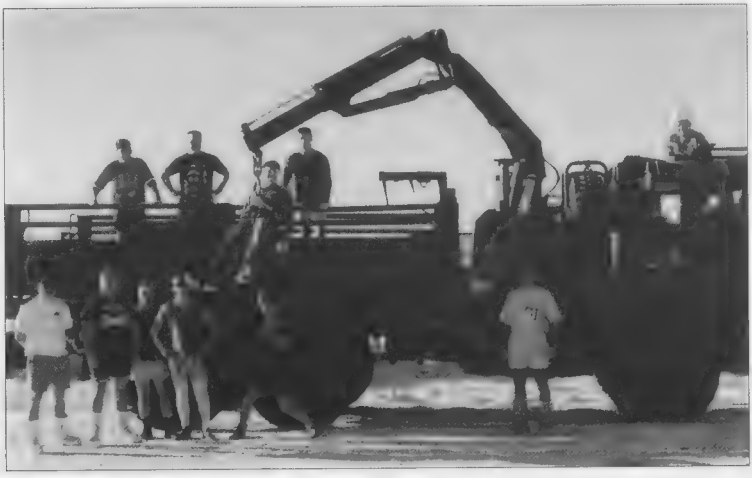
Left to right: WO Bonneville, Sgt Kiens, Pte DiCapua, Sgt Casselman, Capt Urzinger, Sgt Wanvig, Pte Solares, MCpl Muehlberger, MCpl Sprenger.
Missing: MCpl Dis, MCpl MacGregor, MCpl Parsons, MCpl Feyko, Cpl Sinclair, Pte Keur.

Mortar Pl

Left to right, back row: WO McConechy, Sgt MacLean, Cpl G.C. Fraser, Cpl Boon, Cpl Cowan, MCpl Kirbyson, Pte Summers, Cpl J.W. Fraser, MCpl Ford.
Front row: MCpl McNamara, Pte McDougall, Cpl Delainey, Pte Dallner, MCpl Crane, MCpl Manzara, Capt Hackett, Capt Bourgeois.
Absent: Cpl Brochu, Cpl Butler, Pte Biderman.

Food Svcs

Left to right, back row: MS Cobham, Cpl Priemus, MCpl Roach, WO Sikora, MCpl Deschenes, Cpl Goddard, MCpl Walker.
Front row: Cpl Dumoulini, Cpl Myson.
Missing: MS Bush, Cpl Steven.



Tpt Pl

Left to right, back row: Pte Gibson, Cpl Caldwell, Cpl Shannon, MCpl Strong. HIAB: Capt McKillop.
Front row: MCpl McLean, Cpl Brett, Cpl L'Hirondelle, Cpl Quann, WO Thurston.

BOR

Left to right, back row: Sgt Bertrand, WO Houlihan, Cpl Kuzyk, MCpl Rognes.
Front row: MCpl DiBartolo, Cpl Oldfield, MCpl Cote, MCpl Brentnall.

QM

Left to right: Capt Brodie, Cpl Morin, Cpl Szilagy, Cpl Deeves, MCpl Brown, Cpl Arwheiler, Cpl Jones, Cpl LaFleur, Sgt Hardy.
Absent: RQMS MWO Jourdain.

Maint Pl

Left to right, back row: Capt O'Gallagher, MWO Rerrie, Cpl Bona, Cpl Sampson, MCpl Lemoine, MCpl McKee, Cpl Facey, MCpl McKenzie, Cpl Hazelwood, Cpl Perkins, MCpl Bond, Sgt Bosse. Front row: Sgt Pettit, MCpl MacKinnon, Cpl Vandervatte, Cpl Dalheim, MCpl Racicot, MCpl Robichaud, Cpl Hussey, MCpl Coles, Cpl McEwan, WO Holloway.

UMS

Left to right: WO Dunsmore, MCpl Dolman, Pte Rose, Cpl Peterson, Cpl Cavill, MS Dickie, Cpl Whitman, MCpl Johnson, Sgt Ten Eyck, Cpl Miller, MCpl McGowan, Capt Wicks.

Officer/Sr NCO Game

CO and RSM at the annual Officers vs Sr NCOs hockey game. Officers: 6 – Sr NCOs: 2

Winter Indoc

Tpt pl does winter indoc. Left to right: Pte Chris Gibson, Cpl Blair Shannon, Cpl Adam Brett, Cpl Dwayne Quann, Cpl Jim Caldwell, and Cpl Chris Thombs.

French Grey Cup

Cpl Jim Caldwell (extreme right) wishing he was picked as the Company Queen during the French Grey Cup.

Flag football finals. Cbt Sp takes the day!

3 PPCLI on Pde

CSM B Company, MWO Bob Thibeau awaiting the arrival of the offrs.

Santa Visits

Santa (aka MCpl Greg Rouwroye) and MCpl Bill Martina at the Children's Christmas Party.

Men's Dinner

Pte Mober,
the oldest soldier in the unit,
carves the Christmas Turkey
with CO LCol Ryan Curle.

Muscle Farm

3PPCLI soldiers pump up at the Bn's weight room.
MCpl Werner Muehlberger, Cpl Sean Butler, Cpl Scott Brochu and friends went a long way to improving the facility.

Change of Command

LCol K.A. Moher assumes command from LCol W.D. Turner in the presence of MGen C.W Hewson, Colonel of the Regiment, and MGen C.J. Addy, Commander LFWA.

Colonel of the Regiment presents the incoming CO with the Regimental Colours.

"Drop this and you're Assistant Adjutant!" LCol Kevin Moher presents the Regimental Colours to Assistant Adjutant Capt John Errington.

RSM Ted Ruck presents outgoing CO, LCol Bill Turner, with his pennant.

Honours, Awards and Presentations

MGen Addy presents Cpl Maria Szilagyi with her CD.

MCpl Mark Pruden receives his CD from Comd LFWA.

MCpl Eric Miles receives his promotion to Sgt from MGen Hewson.

MGen Clive Addy presents MCpl Lee Parsons his SSM humanitarian bar.

WO Ken Zack explains to MGen Clive Addy why he should be promoted; minutes later, he was.

Capt Hans Brink receives his second bar to his CD.

Pte Scott
promoted to MCpl.

Cpl Nathan
promoted to MCpl.

Pte Caldwel
top candidate
Machine Gun Course.

Cpl Cooper
promoted to MCpl.

Cpl Kirbyson
promoted to MCpl.

Pte Di Capua
top candidate
Driver Wheel Course.

Sgt Little
presented his CD.

Cpl Crane
promoted to MCpl.

Cpl Mann
awarded the SSM.

Cpl Bowan top candidate Communications Course.

MCpl MacLean top candidate Mortars Course.

WO Carmody presented his CD1.

Sgt Bajema receives his Mentioned in Dispatch certificate.

MCpl Wadleigh top candidate Combat Storeman Course.

Cpl Levert promoted to MCpl.

The PPCLI Battle School

This submission marks the last one the Patrician will see from the PPCLI Battle School; on the weekend of 23 June, LCol Austdal will hand over his command to LCol MacLean who, as CO of Camp Wainwright, will assume command of the newly formed Western Area Training Centre (WATC). Just the same, it has not made preparing this article particularly difficult, as I will explain.

Although only called the PPCLI Battle School since 1 May 1984, the school traces its roots back to the PPCLI Regimental Depot, which was raised in Calgary on 1 June 1953. From there, it went through a series of name changes and locations before landing in Wainwright under its present name: in 1956 it was moved from Calgary to Edmonton and was stationed next to the Prince of Wales Armouries; in 1957 it moved into its permanent quarters at Griesbach; in 1968 it was disbanded; and in 1974 it was resurrected as the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Operational Training Detachment, a name it kept until 30 April 1984. (You'll have to ask the likes of locals Captain Emery French or Majors Bob Duncan and Karl Gotthardt how Patricia's were trained between 1968 and 1974.)

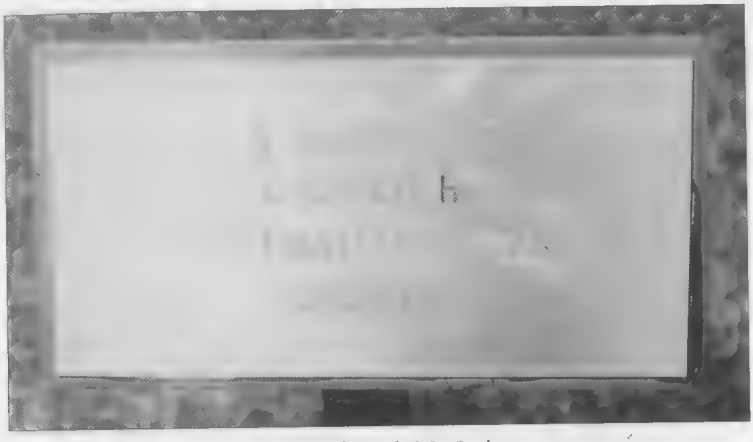
Change is not something that I believe has ever caught this establishment off guard; the introduction of MTSC a few years ago can attest to that as you will see by its distinctly black-hatted influence. Still, it will be difficult to see the words PPCLI Battle School replaced by the more generic Western Area Training Centre.

Capt Michael Blackburn becomes a Patricia.
(Maj Bill Pigden and LCol Austdal join in the celebration.)

Just between we Patricia's though, I think you'll see that subtle efforts have been made to ensure that the centre remains predominately a Patricia's domain.

So next year, the Patrician can expect to be filled with very similar happenings from the Wainwright area. What follows then are the not too nostalgic meanderings of the companies' past year in retrospect.

Regimentally speaking, I would suggest one of the greater events of the year was the rebadging of Captain Michael Blackburn from the Vandoos. Most would agree that he was welcomed with due ceremony. Sadder events were the untimely passings of MCpl Craig Cochrane and one of our Strathcona's, Sgt Darryl Young.



In memory of MCpl C.S. Cochrane.

Camp Wainwright Memorial Grove.

Recruit Company

Newly promoted Maj Bill Pigden is still OC Rct. Capt Donald Furuness replaced Capt Kyle Easton as 21C Rct after a short stint as the Asst Adjt. MWO Al Kolotylo was posted to Edmonton and MWO Stan Stapleford moved into the CSM's chair. WO Tim Penny moved to MTSC. WO Gerard Ryan slid in as BSL Tpt NCO. Sgt Dennis Sansom moved to AWWC, Sgt Colin Caddick found his mark as Field Trg NCO and MCpl Ben Klick moved across the hall to Leadership. Cross posted into the company were WO Peter Davies and Sgts Dave Casey, Kevin Hall, and Mike Todd. Posted into the Battle School and ultimately into the company were WO Barry Ferguson and MCpls Darren Guitard, Darren Hessel, and Alexander Hostler.

By the end of the year we graduated 58 new Patricia's for the Regiment. We conducted three QL3 Regular courses, five QL3 and QL2/3 Reserve courses and one Unarmed Combat Instructors course.

COURSE	TOP CANDIDATE	MOST PHYSICALLY FIT	TOP SHOT	MOST IMPROVED
QL3 Inf 9601 Kapyong	Pte Walsh L.A.	Pte Poissant D.J.R.	Pte White C.G.	Pte MacAulay L.E.
QL3 Inf 9602 Korea	Pte Yeremiy J.J.	Pte Howlett R.S.	Pte Treloar J.T.	Pte Donaldson C.R.
QL3 Inf 9603 Ypres	Pte Slack R.L.G.	Pte Walsh P.W.	Pte Marty S.A.	Pte Woodhouse C.W.J.

What follows is one soldier's impression of life in Recruit Company:

KOREA PLATOON RECRUITS PROUD TO BECOME PATRICIA'S

We came to Wainwright as recruits fresh out of basic who thought we knew what it meant to be soldiers, but we were in for a big surprise. Within the first few days, we found out that the task set before us would not be easy. The first couple of weeks were pure hell and we all thought the world was ending for us. Our instructors seemed to be inhuman, like rabid dogs out to get everything in sight. They pushed us to our limits and then beyond sometimes, to see whether we would break or not. The amazing thing is that no matter how much we marked time or pumped off pushups we never gave up. The seemingly torturous punishments (read confirmation training) only strengthened us as a whole.

As the weeks progressed we started to understand why our instructors kept saying that you can't get through this course on your own. Our first field exercise proved this to us. It takes a team of three men to pull a toboggan, and if you're not all working together, all you accomplish is tiring each other out. It took us a while to figure this out, but once we did, it seemed as though we were professionals. We learned a lot of lessons on our first exercise and we never forgot them.

Week five rolled along and we were all a little happier because it was the start of our ranges. However, our happiness was brief because the weather played against us and it became intensely cold. To our instructors' surprise, we never gave up the will to overcome the cold and accomplish our job. I think we surprised the whole Camp when our entire course passed the performance objective and topped it off by having everyone qualify as a marksman!

In the weeks that followed, we did a variety of ranges like the C9 LMG, C6 GPMG, 60mm mortar, 66mm SRAAW(L) and the 84mm SRAAW(H). I believe that there is no other feeling in the world like that of firing the "Carl G". It's like being hit with a five hundred pound pillow, but you don't feel it because your adrenaline is pumping so fast you feel indestructible. The C6 GPMG was another awesome weapon to fire, simply because it's an automatic machine gun. All in all, every weapon system we used was fun. It's odd but they seemed to bring out the kid in all of us, even our instructors.

Sgt Charles Ruest (QL3 9602 Korea) supervises 84mm Carl G training.

C6 GPMG, Ready and Waiting!

Ptes Bradley and St. Germain (QL3 9601 Kapyong) "On Rappel!"

Once all of the ranges were completed, we began to prepare ourselves for the next big step: the field phase. It took a lot of hard work and concentration on our part, but in the end, it all paid off.

Our first field training exercise was our patrol exercise. Long marches combined with long hours of observation was all we seemed to do at first. But once all the patrolling was done and the information was gathered, the master plan looked obvious. The exercise ended with us doing a successful river crossing, which was a really high speed and perfectly executed deliberate attack on an enemy position.

Defensive week came next. Four days of digging trenches, laying mine fields and setting up wire obstacles. Defensive week taught us a lot about drive and motivation. Not giving up when you haven't slept for two days and spending all waking hours digging your trench. At times we wanted nothing more than to lay down and sleep, but gas grenades and knowing that the job had to be done kept us going. Some of us experienced exactly what no sleep can do to our minds. One soldier, who wants to remain anonymous, still claims he saw a convoy of eighteen wheelers drive by. The exercise ended with a live fire defensive battle which we all really enjoyed.

Week fifteen and the final exercise finally arrived. All the skills we had learned in the previous weeks now had to be applied in order to survive. By this time we had become so proficient at working together that everything our instructors tossed at us was easily matched and overcome. The ultimate test of this came when we were taken prisoners of war. It came as a total surprise to us because we were not expecting anything of the type. At first we were a little disorganized because we didn't know what to expect, but after a while pulled back together and overcame the challenge. Our last test was a live fire platoon attack. I am proud to say that it went off without a hitch.

Finally, week sixteen arrived and that meant graduation. The goal that seemed unreachable was finally in sight. We came here as recruits and are now leaving as part of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. We look back

After an extended period in Holding Pl,
Pte Les Walsh leaves the Battle School as the top candidate!

at the time spent in Wainwright and smile because we overcame it all and never once laid down and died. I am confident that we now know what being a soldier is all about. Working as a team with no one person being better than another, cherishing the little things like a hot shower, comfortable bed, and warm surroundings. We are all better people now for what we have accomplished and no one will ever be able to take this from us.

Pte Yeremiy J.J.
QL3 9602 Korea Pl
Graduate

QL3 9603 Ypres Graduation Parade.
Lt Rob Harris of the Calgary Highlanders has, to date,
been the only Reserve Officer to conduct a reg force QL3 course.

Leadership Company

1996 was a year of mixed blessings. It was a year of remarkable achievements such as the conduct of an Advanced Winter Warfare Course and the organization of a very successful LFWA Sniper competition. It was also a year of frustration, most notably staff shortfalls and the high percentage of attrition on leadership courses. Throughout the year, Leadership Company staff maintained a professional approach to business and a sense of humour as they confronted numerous challenges.

Routine personnel changes and augmentation continued to change the face of Leadership Company in 1996. Major Karl Gotthardt relinquished command of the company to Major Morris Brause in March. Captain Kim Murphy handed over his responsibilities as the Company Second-in-Command to Captain Erik Liebert in May. Leadership Company remained dependent on augmentation from units across LFWA to support training. All of the Regular Force PPCLI battalions and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4PPCLI) contributed staff.

The Leadership Company training year began with a bang as an LOSV belonging to the Advanced Winter Warfare Course sailed across the Battle School Transport Building and collided with an MLVW. While this would not normally be considered as a sign of progress, it marked the first Advanced Winter Warfare Course to be conducted in the past five years. Warrant Officer Paul Mansbridge overcame his curse and successfully completed three courses in a row. The Advanced Winter Warfare Course successfully deployed to Taloyoak (Spence Bay), NWT with the help of Warrant Officer Dave Johnston and Sergeants Tracy Gellineau, Tim Turner and Dean Yuile. Patricia's were well represented on the course with Warrant Officers Vitas Stepsys, Greg Forsyth and Sergeant Kevin Littlejohn ranking as the top three candidates. Sergeant Mark Komadina graduated early and assumed the responsibilities the Swing NCO just in time for the deployment to Taloyoak.

HIKING OUT!
Master Corporal Kevin Stevens and Sergeant Mark Komadina manhandle an LOSV during Advanced Winter Warfare Course.

Sgt Mark Komadina ... ?

Leadership training continued apace. The Company completed nine LFC Junior Leader Course serials and a Reserve Force Qualification 6B course during the 1996 training year. Although several courses were cancelled or amalgamated due to staff and candidate shortages, Warrant Officers Mike Boustead, Kevin Kehoe, Brian Semenko and Al Simon sorted out the details with their staff and ensured that all leadership training was presented in a professional manner. Permanent staff sergeants like Ron Gallant, Bruce Phillips, Mel Sutherland, Mike Todd, Don Weathers, and Master Corporal Kevin Beattie set the example, maintained standards, and demonstrated their flexibility as both instructors and Swing NCOs.

Captain (Retired) Ed Witt continues to support the Regiment. Just prior to an excellent speech on leadership, Mr. Witt presents a Second-Place candidate certificate to Private Patrick Tower at the end of LFC Junior Leader Course 9609.

Leadership Company continued to provide advanced training for LFWA soldiers. Captain Harpal Mandaher, Warrant Officer Rob Primmer and Master Corporal Bernard Plichie arrived during the Summer posting season and were immediately put to work. The company successfully conducted a sniper

Master Warrant Officer Don Schaffel and Major Morris Brause prepare to test their sniper skills on a live-fire stalk while Warrant Officer Barry Ferguson demonstrates why things are seen.

concentration, a Basic Sniper Course and a Basic Machine Gun Course. Unfortunately, the scheduled Small Arms Instructor Course was cancelled due to a lack of staff. However, there was extensive sniper training conducted in the Fall. The Edmonton City Police continued their support of the Regiment by participating in the final exercise of the Basic Sniper Course. Their dog teams easily tracked our snipers and quickly earned their respect. Battle School Master Snipers had no trouble keeping themselves busy and out of the line of fire. A Battle School sniper team participated in a competition sponsored by the 10th US Special Forces Group (Airborne) and placed 12th, beating two teams from the US Navy SEALs. Everyone who worked with Leadership Company will agree that 1996 was an interesting year.

MTSC

Question: What and where is the only armour squadron permanently under command of a PPCLI unit?

Answer: The MTSC at the PPCLI Battle School.

The Militia Training Support Company (MTSC) of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle School is, in many respects, a unique sub-unit. Firstly and most importantly, MTSC retains the distinction of being the only armoured squadron permanently found on the orbat of a PPCLI unit. Secondly, MTSC's mix of multi-badged training personnel lends the squadron an all arms quality that is normally found only in much larger organizations of a more temporary nature. Outside of large-scale field training exercises or operations it is rare, for example, that armour, infantry, engineer and service support personnel work as closely together as is the case at MTSC.

MTSC is one of the training companies of the PPCLI Battle School, but as the name implies, its primary mission is to provide training support for units and personnel of the army reserve within Land Forces Western Area. As such, during the summer months MTSC runs individual armour courses for Militia candidates (QL 2/3, AVGP Driver, Recce Crewman, Cougar Gunner and Basic Classification Training for officers) and oversees collective training for 33 militia armour, infantry, engineer and combat service support units spread across western Canada.

During the summer of 1996 MTSC conducted a total of six national and area armour courses and graduated over 120 successful candidates who eventually returned to their units with the benefit of everything from gunnery to reconnaissance training under their "black hats". In addition, over the September to May period of 1996, MTSC training teams visit and evaluate militia units undergoing training anywhere from Thunder Bay, Ontario to Victoria, British Columbia, travelling literally tens of thousands of kilometres and observing well over 80 field exercises in the process.

Over the 1997-98 training year, with the stand up of the Western Area Training Centre at Camp Wainwright, MTSC will be moving into new quarters

"I'm sure these bits go together somehow."
Cpl "Grizzly" Wentzell, MTSC Weapons Tech in the weapons lock-up.

Militia Cougars manoeuvring (i.e. about to get stuck in a snow bank) during MTSC training in Wainwright.

and anticipates producing roughly twice the number of successful armour candidates on individual courses. Also, as of September, MTSC will "kick off" another collective training cycle and anticipates making well over 100 training visits while overseeing essentially all Militia collective training west of Lake Superior. In short, MTSC is looking forward to another challenging and rewarding training year.

Administration Company

AKA Training Support Company. Regardless of the name its job remained the same, to support the numerous recruit, leadership, and specialty courses run at the Battle School. Capt Doug Oliphant took the reigns as OC when Maj Morris Brause moved on to become OC Ldr Coy. The CSM switched from MWO "Bullet Head" Smith who is now the QMSI, to WO Ron Hamilton.

The BOR underwent a few changes in 96, including a couple of relocations. The most significant was when it amalgamated with the Camp BOR; the WATC establishment begins to rear it's head. The Chief Clerk, WO Francine McNeil, was posted to Moncton and her replacement, WO Rob Field, is now heading up the new BOR.

The SQ continued to be one of the busiest spots in the school. WO Joe Gallant moved out to Gagetown and WO Scott Looby became the new SQMS. Sgt Terry Gardner was posted to Montreal upon his promotion and WO John Blades retired. Other changes to note were the cross postings of Sgt Gerry Ducolon, MCpl John Simmons, and Cpl Rejean Boivin to Camp.

CSM Admin doing his part in the Chain of Command Race.

RSM Gord Descoteaux says farewell to WO John Blades.

Trg Media consumed as many trees as their photocopier would allow. Sgt Dave Casey left his job as Trg Media NCO to go over to Rct Coy and Sgt Mark Komadina took over the job jokingly referred to as the Combat Librarian.

Over the last year Tpt was a revolving door of drivers from across LFWA. WO Pete Davies moved back to Rct Coy and the new Tpt WO became WO Gerard Ryan. MCpl Kevin Beattie took over as Tpt 2IC upon the promotion of Sgt Keer. Congratulations to Sgt Ian Keer for his well deserved promotion and finally escaping from Tpt.

MCpl Kevin Beattie, Tpt 2IC, uses the old fashioned way to move troops

The Standards Cell continued to monitor the quality of instruction at the BSL and across western Canada. They also saw a few changes during 96. WO Tim Penney and Sgt Don Reid moved on to MTSC and Rct Coy respectively. WO Chris Rusk (our resident gunner) and Sgt Mel Sutherland stepped in to replace them. Sgt Rob Brown now works with WO Darryl Crowell in MTSC standards. The stabilizing influence continues to be Sgt Pat Andreone and one wonders if he will ever leave.

Sgt Kevin Hall continued to do a fine job in Field Trg but he returned to Rct Coy when Sgt Colin Caddick took over as the new Field Trg NCO.

The Training Office has undergone a complete changeover. Capt Kim Murphy is the new Trg O replacing Capt Rock Wiegand who was posted to Kingston. WO Gord Trelnuk is now taking care of Trg Coord after WO Paul Ayerst moved over to Range Control and Cpl Christine Matthews is the new Trg Clerk.

In the mysterious world of IS, Capt Gary Drawson remained the Sig O for another year and Sgt Bob Spence was kept busy working on various computer based training projects. Mr. Rick Krinbill, Mr. Doug Hollinger, and Mrs. Linda Greig kept the Battle School computers up and running despite all of our best efforts to interfere.

Capt James Heth, Infantry Training Team Officer, asleep at the switch and obviously enjoying himself following a hard night at TAC OPS in the "trenches".

WO Tim Penney, Infantry Training Team NCO, receiving the devastating news of the cancellation of a weekend exercise in Shilo.

LCol Mike Austdal receiving his MID from MGen Addy 17 Mar 96.

Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Nineteen ninety-six was another busy year for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. The annual training cycles brought around to defensive operations, so once again the Loyal Eddies sallied forth with rifles *and* shovels in hand. The year's worth of exercises came together for Ex Infantry Sentinel III, the annual Militia Training Support Company (MTSC) evaluation at Camp Wainwright. The LERs easily met the MTSC standards, and at the same time achieved their own high standards.

2 Pl moves out — Ex Infantry Sentinel III.

"Your righthand arc is ..." — Siting the C6, Ex Infantry Sentinel III.

"Prepare to move" — Ex Infantry Sentinel III.

The real test of the Eddies' skills in the defensive role came during the summer. Ex Western Challenge, the annual Militia Concentration, was held in Dundurn, Saskatchewan in July. Of all the reserve infantry units in Land Forces Western Area, only the Loyal Edmonton Regiment fielded a full strength platoon. The enemy force for the exercise was A Coy, 1PPCLI, and they did a great job keeping up the pressure while we hurried to complete our positions. When it was all over, the Eddie platoon had gained some valuable training, and had won the praises of both the OC and the CO, neither of whom were from the Loyal Eddies.

In 1993 and 1995 the unit sent a platoon size unit to Wainwright to act as enemy force for the 2nd and 1st Bn The Scots Guards. Both exercises were the highlights of those training years. This year was no different, as the LERs, along with a few other units, played enemy force for the 1st Bn The Welsh Guards. Homing in on the Eddies' thunder this year was a troop from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), elements of Alma Battery, Royal Artillery, and 29 Commando Regiment, Royal Dutch Marines. The Welsh Guards started on the defensive as the enemy force patrolled aggressively against them. The exercise ended with a bang (literally), as a large Fantasian style company attack pushed the Guards back across the Battle River, forcing them to blow the bridge. Working with foreign units is always sought after, and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment got both excellent training and valuable experience, as well as having a lot of fun in the process.

While the field is where we do most of our work, the Regiment was busy in garrison as well, starting off with a change at the top. On the 11th of May, LCol WJG (Bill) Bewick, OMM, CD, handed over command to LCol G Grant McLean, CD. LCol McLean started out as a drummer with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders before joining the Regular Force as an officer in the Royal 22e Regiment. After serving with the "VanDoos", the Canadian Airborne Regiment, and having completed the Ranger course and a tour in Cyprus, LCol McLean left the regular force to take a job with the Department of Justice in the early 1980s. Before moving to Edmonton a few years ago, he also served two terms as the Mayor of Airdrie. Though somewhat saddened to see LCol Bewick move on, we are all looking forward to LCol McLean's tenure.

The change at the top continued as in September, the DCO, Major Norm Greene retired after more than forty years in the regular and reserve armies. Coming in to take over as the new DCO was Major Sam Moore. Having just retired from the regular force, he brings to the unit a wealth of new experience. Major Moore comes to us from a logistics background and has also spent much of his career with the Canadian Airborne Centre. Welcome aboard to both the new CO and DCO!

June of 1996 brought about the highly anticipated 1 CMBG Mountain Man competition, and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment fielded a team of six hardy souls. Led by Lt John Weingardt, all six finished the race, and brought home so many war stories that the 1997 Mountain Man will see an even larger contingent of Eddies competing.

December of 1996 saw the culmination of a very long and complicated project, as the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum was unofficially opened. The new home of the museum is the Prince of Wales Armoury, the Regiment's Great War home. At a small ceremony, the one completed display room was opened to members of the Regiment and the public. With much time, energy, and the generous donations of supporters, the display rooms, storage and administration areas of the Museum have been beautifully renovated and are ready and waiting for the wealth of accumulated memorabilia to be set up. The official opening is tentatively set for VE Day 1997. Some of the notable items currently on display are General Greisbach's medals, and the Mons Bugle, sounded by the Regimental Bugler in Mons on the 11th of November 1918. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Capt Chris Atkin for his long years of dedication, frustration and devotion in finding and creating the Museum such a wonderful home.

Last year was a busy time for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. While only a few short weeks into 1997, the coming year looks like it will be even better. FEARS NO FOE!

Lt GJ Moorehead

Loyal Eddies on Winter Ex.

"Heading Out": LERs departing for Chilliwack Ex Quarrel Jump with 8 Field Eng Regt.

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French Grey Battalion

1996 was another busy year for Gagetown Patricias. Changes in the organization at the Infantry School saw more training conducted this year than ever before. The Infantry School, for example, is now responsible for the conduct of the first seven weeks of Phase II training for officer candidates from the artillery and armour corps in addition to our own. A large number of instructors were also involved in Initial Cadre training for the new LAV Recce vehicle, the Coyote. This was all in addition to the normal complement of BIOC Phase III and IV, 6B, QL7, Small Arms and Advanced courses. Gagetown Patricias made a valuable contribution to this year's success in training soldiers at the Infantry's Centre of Excellence. In addition to the Infantry School, Patricias are working at CTC headquarters, Trials and Evaluations and the Tactics School.

In order to keep in touch with each other and keep connected to Regimental issues, we gather together once a month and socialize. Usually, we are fortunate to have at least some Patricias visiting or here on course to give us first hand updates on the latest news and rumours from back in the units.

As it happens every year, new people get posted in and seasoned Gagetown veterans get posted out. We were fortunate to have MWO George turn in his messtins and leave his RSS job in Truro, Nova Scotia and join us as CSM for A Coy. His arrival coincided with the departure of Major Dan Drew for the steamy southern U.S. with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia. We are sure that his Zen approach to the March and Shoot competition will be missed.

Sgt Francis coaching a Phase II candidate on a C7 range.

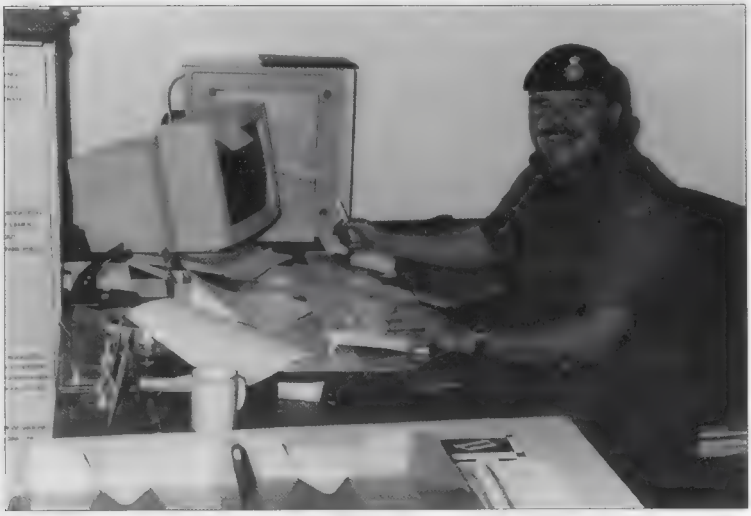
WO Treger (left) and WO Wilde (right) at the 10th Special Forces Group (A) Sniper Competition in Colorado.

The long suffering Capt Keith Gentles was finally released from his tough job in the Eryx Cell to the greener pastures of the 1st Battalion. Good work, Keith! His replacement, Capt Geoff Smith immediately settled into the job by going on a week-long weapon trial in France.

Warrant Officer Wilde and Warrant Officer Treger did the Regiment proud when they represented Canada at the 4th Annual 10th Special Forces Group (A) Sniper Competition in Colorado. They placed seventh out of 25 teams from such elite organizations as the SEALs, Marines, Special Forces, Rangers and the Norwegian SEALs. Send your snipers here and be assured that they will be trained by the best.

Capt Hank Szelecz was busy in 1996 making sure that the CBC got all the details right for the upcoming movie about 3 PPCLI's peacekeeping tour in Croatia. Coincidentally, the platoon commander's character has a faintly Slovak name, "Lt Danko". Maybe we should just call our guy "Hanko". In any case, this author saw the rough cut and the Regimental Kit Shop will be happy to know that Regimental PT gear is well featured throughout the movie and should consider stocking up once it hits the airwaves and starts a fashion trend across the country.

1996 also saw the retirement of a legend in the Regiment. WO "Monkey" MacNeil will be missed by all, but ironically, he has settled right here in the Gagetown area. As well, Cpl Sean Wiper left for another trade but has since left the Forces. On the plus side, we also saw the addition of some new members. Capt Brian Hynes left the RCR and donned the cap badge of the regiment with the best postings. All that know him are glad to see him come aboard. Cpl LaFleur also saw the light, leaving the RCR for us. Welcome to the Regiment.



WO "Monkey" MacNeil just before his retirement. Gone but not forgotten. It will take years for all that paint to wear off.

"Let me tell you a story about this slip-on, my lad." Maj Blekaitis officially welcoming Cpl LaFleur into the Regiment.

More so than in any year previous, we here at the school relied on the help of the units in the form of augmentees to fill out the instructor positions on the courses we run. For example, Sgts Humphrey and Turtle from 1 PPCLI came to lend their expertise on the Advanced Mortar Course. We welcome all help, so don't be afraid to come here to instruct. Think of it as a house hunting trip as well.

As is traditional, the year ended with the Men's Christmas Dinner. We had the distinction of providing both the youngest private, Pte Nickerson, and the oldest corporal, Cpl McKillop to the festivities. One of the highlights was Cpl Parks receiving from Santa a picture of his company commander so that he will be able to identify him if the Base Commander ever asks again in the future.

We ended 1996 with a nice leave period in order to come back rested and refreshed. We can look forward to another busy year here in Gagetown and you can be sure that we'll be back out west soon enough.

WO Kenny trying out a possible second career. Looking good in that hat!

Cpl Parks receiving a picture of his OC. "So that's who that guy is!"

Left to right: School Commandant, Pte Nickerson, Cpl McKillop and the School RSM at the Men's Christmas Dinner.

WO Greyeyes trying to keep Maj Drew from hurting himself during Broom-i-loo.

WO Plantz getting the gears from a candidate at the 6B Mess Dinner.

Capt Jasper (left) and WO Kenny (right). Following a new policy at the school, the combined weight of a Course Officer and 21C will not exceed 200 lbs.

WO Corriveau wrests title of "Sexiest Man at the Infantry School" away from contenders Capt McKinstry and WO Plantz.

Canadian Parachute Centre

Rodeo 96 – Combat Control Team

The Canadian Airborne Centre sent six personnel to participate in the Rodeo 96 competition. Rodeo is an international, bi-annual event held at McChord AFB, USA. There were some 14 countries participating in the events. Although Rodeo 96 is primarily an Air Force competition involving precision flying, loading and unloading aircraft, the Combat Control competition is Army oriented. The six members from CABC fulfilled the requirement for a Combat Control Team (CCT).

The USAF has three Special Tactics Squadrons (STS) and each unit has a CCT. The mission of the 21, 22 and 23 STS, CCT is to survey an airfield without being detected by enemy forces. Their motto is "First There". They are all

Rodeo 96 Combat Control Team

Back row, left to right: Capt R. Pettigrew (Team Captain), Sgt Towell, WO B. Bolen (2IC).
Front row, left to right: MCpl Ryan (RCR), Sgt Williams (RCR).

qualified combat divers, Military Freefall, and other qualifications similar to the Canadian Pathfinder. Many of their members have transferred from Navy Seals, Ranger and Special Forces Units. The host unit, 22 STS, from McChord provided all CCT competitors with the greatest of assistance and support.

The CCT competition included four events. The Biathlon event consists of a 3 mile/4.827 km run during which rifle and pistol were fired. Five rounds from the prone and standing positions were fired for a total of 20 rounds. The Combat Leadership consisted of negotiating some 21 obstacles, wearing full load bearing equipment, including a rifle, as fast as possible. HALO/LZ establishment consisted of a freefall descent from 10,000 ft followed by a landing zone establishment. The LZ had to be set up with 20 lights distributed over a 3,500 ft runway. The runway lights had to be accurate to within 2 ft of the LZ measurements for a team to be awarded maximum points. For this event both speed and accuracy were important. Needless to say, in the history of this competition no team has been able to achieve maximum points for accuracy. The final event was a cross-country run of 6.2 miles/10 km while carrying a 40-pound (18.2 kg) rucksack.

Preparation of the Canadian CCT was the responsibility of CABC. The CCT had six weeks to prepare for the competition. Phase one was physical training. For this phase Cpl Hillier (PERI) was tasked to be the personal trainer for the team. His expertise in this area was very beneficial and for three weeks he "motivated" all of us toward a higher level of fitness. Phase two was event specific training involving biathlon at the 25m range, ruck runs with 40 lbs and HALO/LZ establishment practice in conjunction with the military freefall course. For the combat leadership event the team spent three days in Winnipeg torturing our bodies as we bounced off the obstacle course at St. Charles range.

Rodeo 96 was conducted over a 12 day period. During the first few days 22 STS organized event practice sessions and held umpire briefings for the competition. The competition lasted six days, one event per day and a CCT social on the fifth day. The social event was won by the Canadian CCT, with the British running a close second. Day six was the concluding Rodeo 96 awards ceremony and, in typical USAF style, this show was Hollywood all the way.

Sgt Towell, HALO/LZ Event.

WO Bolen, HALO/LZ Event.

WO Bolen, Combat Leadership Event.

Personnel from four countries participated in the CCT competition. The Canadian team was lead by Capt R. Pettigrew and WO W. Bolen. The team members were Sgt K. Towell, Sgt P. Williams, Sgt A. Ryan and MCpl M.A. Lodder. Other international competitors were from The Parachute Regiment Pathfinder PL, Singapore Special Forces and USAF 21, 22, and 23 Special Tactics Squadron Combat Control.

Although we did not win any of the events, Sgt K. Towell's outstanding sportsmanship, during the 10 km cross-country event, was indicative of the team. During the event one of the team members from 22 STS, from McChord AFB, became critically dehydrated and exhausted at around the seven to eight km point. The medical and supervising staff were not aware of the severity of his condition and allowed him to continue. When Sgt Towell approached the

Capt Pettigrew, Biathlon Event.

Sgt Towell and Capt Pettigrew, Cross-Country Run (10 km, 40 lb ruck).

individual, he very quickly recognized the seriousness of the situation and acted immediately to assist the US team member by removing the 40 lb pack from his back and put it on his own. Now carrying 80 lbs he supported the competitor and tried to help him to walk to the finish line, now less than half a mile away. At this point two members of the Singapore team came to assist Sgt Towell in his gallant effort to help the American across the finish line.

Very quickly it became obvious, to Sgt Towell, that this man was not going to finish and required immediate medical attention. He proceeded to direct the medical staff and the individual was then put into an ambulance and hospitalized for 24 hours. Sgt Towell displayed not only a willingness to forego his individual time, but also the highest degree of professionalism and competitive spirit. He led by example and exemplified the true spirit of the competition. His action was the major event of the CCT competition and a shining example for all. The officials and STS Unit Commanders were extremely impressed with what he had done and awarded Sgt Towell a trophy for sportsmanship above and beyond the call of duty.

Overall Rodeo 96 was a positive experience for all of the competitors. The training provided the members a great opportunity to reach a higher level of physical fitness, improve on some solid soldiering skills and allowed us the opportunity to gain valuable experience from the specific events. The competition provided us with the knowledge of other unit operating procedures and established good international relations, which could continue and possibly foster small unit exchanges, or support for specific training.

Capt R. Pettigrew
Team Capt CCT

Patricias North

Canadian Forces Northern Area

Another year has gone by, so it's time to bring you up to date with the Northern Patricias. After the last APS our numbers are thinning out. WO Colin Bokovay has retired and is remaining in the north.

Three of us are in the Canadian Ranger Section: WO Jes Adair as the Ranger WO, Sgt Clay Rankin and Sgt Gord Morris as Ranger Instructors. WO Dave MacDonald is working as an Area Cadet Instructor with the Cadet Section. This year has been fairly busy, with the opening of new patrols, running the normal training cycle for the Rangers, SOVOPs and the fact that over two-thirds of the Ranger section arrived this past posting season.

This is a horrible posting, so don't ask for it. We'll just all have to get extensions. Until next year ... VP.

WO J.S.A. Adair, CD

Northern Patricias, left to right:
WO Adair, Sgt Rankin, Sgt Morris, WO MacDonald.

Sgt Gord Morris, Recruiting Ranger, and Ranger George Vittrekwa, Ft. McPherson, NWT.

CFB Suffield Patricias

Another year has passed with few changes to the Patricia rank and file at CFB Suffield. The Base experienced significant downsizing in APS 96 as only 99 personnel remain from a previous establishment of 228. Fortunately for the Patricias, our value is appreciated and none of us received postings or FRP (much to the chagrin of some). In fact our numbers actually rose by one as MCpl Rheault saw the light and remustered to our Regiment from the Vandoos.

The British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) conducted their usual six Ex Medicine Man serials in 1996. We were able to facilitate Cdn participation with 2PPCLI providing troops for opposing forces for Medicine Man 2 and 1PPCLI providing the enemy for Medicine Man 4. All reports indicated the Patricias conducted themselves very well and the UK is keen to repeat in 1997. Thankfully, all the training was accomplished this year with no casualties on the range.

In July, the Base hosted a large cattle drive across the Range is celebration of the Western Stock Growers Association Centennial. This was certainly an experience which will not be replicated anywhere else in the world and was a welcome change to the normal routine. Speaking of routine, yes we continue to arrive at work before the rest of the army; and no, mail addressed to Four Commando will not be delivered to CFB Suffield!

Support to Cdn and UK Trg, LAV Trials, Chemical Warfare Conventions, cattle grazing, oil and gas activities and a massive reconstruction program have kept us busy and our minds off the envy we feel as we watch the Brits train in the manner necessary and with the equipment required to be successful on the battlefield. That aside, the people are friendly, the taxes are cheap and the early morning PT reminds you that you're still alive to enjoy both! EXIMIUS ORDO.

Standing: Col Kenward, Cpl Carey, Cpl Knipstrom, Cpl Merritt, Cpl Lennie, Cpl Sloan and Maj Davies. Kneeling: MCpl Rheault, Cpl Dalton.

Saskatchewan ERE Sitrep

Looking East and West across the flat (very flat) prairie, we can almost see the lights of Winnipeg and Edmonton from the hinterland of ERE service. Sgt Alden Friesen is busy travelling across the sparsely populated countryside from CFRC Regina convincing Canada's youth to do the right thing and join the CF. Awaiting the upcoming golf season, WO Bill Rideout spends his days tuning up his badminton game while managing the affairs of the cadets at Saskatchewan Cadet Detachment in Regina. Capt Mike Gagne is developing arthritis of the hands carrying out his largely clerical duties as a staff officer at the soon to be defunct Saskatchewan District HQ in Regina. The only soldiering is done by MWO Ron O'Connor, WO Marty Clancy, WO Max Anderson, and Sgt Ken MacKenzie whose hands-on work with the Reserves has been outstanding. MWO O'Connor is the "heart and soul" of the also soon to be defunct Militia Training Detachment Dundurn where he is double hatted as the DSM and Trg O. WO Clancy is the Trg WO of the Royal Regina Rifles where he essentially fulfills the duties of Ops O, Trg O, Ops WO, Stds NCO, father to wayward soldiers, and hockey star. WO Anderson and Sgt MacKenzie do much the same for the North Saskatchewan Regiment (less the hockey star part). WO Anderson keeps his adopted Regiment and Capt Gagne in check from the halls of Cairns Armoury in Saskatoon while Sgt MacKenzie spends any time that he is not tasked to Wainwright or on course in Gagetown managing the Prince Albert armoury and all of the soldiers therein. In closing, the ERE Patricias in Saskatchewan wish all members of the Regiment and their families the best of luck over the next year and look forward to returning to Regimental duty.

Borden Patricias

The sign says CFB Borden, but is it really? Actually, when you arrive in Borden one never knows exactly what it's called. With the formation of CFRETS (Canadian Forces Recruiting Education Training Systems) it can all get a little confusing, especially to an Infanteer.

1996 has brought about a few changes to Borden with the move of the Senior Leaders Course to St. Jean, Quebec. And now, with the exception of the NBC School, there is little opportunity for other members of the Regiment to come to Borden for training. So for the vast majority of us Patricias we must rely on each other, those who arrive here yearly to instruct the various phases of Logistic Officer courses or the scores of past Patricias we see on a normal basis who have changed careers and are now wearing a new hat badge.

1996 also saw a Senior member of our small community take his retirement. MWO Ron Cameron left us in early September to take on the task of counting snow flakes in balmy Winnipeg. We wish him all the best in his new endeavours.

On behalf of Major Paul Hale, CFRETS HQ CO, Captain Charlie McKnight, Executive Assistant to the Base Commander, MWO A.J. Whitehall and all Patricias past and present, who are serving in the Borden area, all the best in 97. VP.

Borden Patricias, left to right: MWO Al Whitehall, Sgt Joe Wysman, Sgt John Brooks, WO Derek Bisson and Maj Paul Hale. Missing: Capt Charlie McKnight.

Toronto Area Patricias

1996 was an enjoyable year for the Patricias stationed in the city which Fortune Magazine recently rated as the "number one city to live in the world." I can hear the phone ringing off the hook at the career manger's office, as Patricias worldwide read this! Anyway, should you decide to come to the Greater Toronto area, the employment opportunities are endless. Patricias can be found at LFCA Headquarters, Garrison Support Unit Toronto (the former CFB), numerous militia units, district headquarters, as well as the staff college.

We do find occasion though, with our diverse schedules, to get together a few times during the year. All ranks gathered at the Fort York Armouries mid-March to partake in the annual broom bashing. Injuries were kept to a minimum, with MWO McNaughton organizing a reception in the Sgt's Mess afterwards. Numerous area Associates were there to join in the celebrating of Regimental Day, while MGen Mackenzie presented Sgt Humphreys his statuette upon retiring from the Regiment.

MGen Mackenzie presents one of the limited edition and highly sought after "Gen Lew" dolls to the retiring Sgt Humphreys, Regimental Day '96.

All ranks, serving and retired, gather for Regimental Day.

The Officers and Associates gathered in June at the staff college mess for their annual curry luncheon (actually, this was the first time!). Those being posted, of which there were many, were mugged-out, while the incoming Senior Patricia, Col Romses, was welcomed to the city. A few months later, the Drumline from Calgary did the Regiment proud during the Grey Cup weekend. While in the area to participate in the half-time show, the Drumline made a most favourable impression playing at a mess happy-hour. Well done!

To those posted during the APS '96, best of luck back in the battalions or wherever you may be. For those of you from the Regimental family who are getting posted here in APS '97, start saving now in preparation for that deposit of the first and last month's rent! In closing, all ranks from the Hoogtown Battalion, wish all ranks of the Regiment all the best in '97. VP.

Kingston Area Patricias

There have been quite a few changes to the composition of the Kingston area Patricias, especially as a result of the restructuring of Land Forces Command Headquarters. The '96 posting season saw a surge of Patricias move into the Kingston Area. Currently, our ranks are 34 strong with undoubtedly the largest concentration of Patricia Lieutenant-Colonels in the country! We occupy positions in virtually every unit on CFB Kingston and the surrounding area including: 1 CDHSR, 1 Cdn Div HQ, CFSCE, CLFCSC, DAD, DAT, ALLC, JCSTC, CFB Kingston, The Brockville Rifles, The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, The Prince of Wales Own Regiment, and RMC. Additionally, we boast some 28 affiliated and retired Patricias that occasion our gatherings. Clearly, the Patricia presence is healthy.

The year's activities focused around happy hour style gatherings at roughly two month intervals. From broom-i-loo games on Frezenburg Day to spaghetti dinner on San Fortunato day, all were cause for Kingston area Patricias to gather and see old friends. Visiting Patricias, both serving and retired are always welcome at our local area reunions.

PPCLI Gathering at Fort Frontenac, 20 Nov 96.

Front row, left to right: Capt Greg Burton, Capt Harold Kenny, Capt Bob Ascah, Capt Ray Paquin, Sgt Chris Byrne, MCpl Rich Davey, MCpl Richard Cook, Sgt Jake McIndoe.

Back row, left to right: LCol Bob Thompson, LCol Barry Winfield, LCol (retd) Jay Lapeyre, Col John Joly, LCol Jim Calvin, LCol John Lockyer, LCol (retd) Art Neadow, Capt (retd) Jim Honey, LCol Dave Pentney, Capt Vic Sattler.

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Kiwi Barracks, Bulford, Wiltshire

2nd Battalion, LCol JH Gordon, MBE
Palace Barracks, Belfast, Northern Ireland

4th (Vol) Battalion, LCol GS Smith, TD
56 Davies Street, London

5th (Vol) Battalion, LCol MBD Smith, MBE
Slade Park Barracks, Headington, Oxford

1RGJ 1996

As ever, 1996 has proved to a frantically busy year. We had returned from Cyprus with something of a sense of relief and concentrated on moving into our new barracks in Bulford. The first task on the agenda was to find the vehicles that went with the barracks! These had been sent to Bosnia more than a year ago and replacing them with other vehicles from around the UK exercised the Quartermaster's department for some time. A successful JNCO cadre was run in and around Salisbury Plain and the Recce Platoon re-roled onto tracks. The support as platoons trained up a number of riflemen to act as battle casualty replacements and these cadres culminated in some excellent live firing at Otterburn. The rifle companies were also active and deployed to Devon to conduct their own internal training. It was at this stage that our manning plot for the operational tour to Bosnia became clearer and we learned that a cavalry squadron in the infantry role would be augmenting us. With Easter over, it was

time to hone our shooting skills. Whilst C Company sponsored the Divisional SAAM, B Company were dispatched to Milton Keynes to find us more recruits. This they achieved by shanghaiing every youth they found leaving from the local branch of Marks and Spencers and swelled our number by some 72.

Without doubt the highlight of the training year was our first meeting with the Tactical Engagement Simulation system. The exercise that supports this system, known as TESEX, pits force against force and replicates, as far as possible, actual battle. While the training was invaluable and intense, the exercise did produce its share of lighthearted moments. C Company captured a tank from the enemy force whilst its commander was enjoying his morning constitutional in the bushes and B Company captured Imber Village in a world record time of one hour and thirty-eight minutes. The only down side to the whole thing is that any other training will seem tame in comparison.

In June we held our annual inter-platoon competition, the Bramall Trophy, won by Recce Platoon. The companies then moved to Dartmoor for some much-needed field firing and this led us into the run-up for our operational training for Bosnia. We came under the tender hand of the UN Training and Advisory team who led us through a variety of stands that dealt with all of the eventualities that Bosnia could throw at us. It augured well for what we actually met in theatre. The battalion was deployed in three areas split between the VRBAS and LASVA valleys. Battalion HQ, B Squadron (cavalry) and B Company were based in Gorni Vakuf and C Company were over the hill in Vitez. Our first major event was the running of the Cantonal elections which, although they were predicted for trouble, went off without a hitch — due primarily to a reduction in their scope. Following the elections, the unit reverted to routine patrolling and security duties. Bosnia is a beautiful country whose individual people are charming. Unfortunately, in groups, and under the control of their political masters, hidden agendas and deviousness are seen as virtues. Sadly, on our early departure, no one truly believed that the hostilities are over. Returning to home, the battalion managed to play some of the sport that we had promised ourselves. The Winter Shield sports competition was won by B Company and the normal festive round was enjoyed just before Christmas time. 1RGJ is looking forward to 1997 and its attachment to the Joint Rapid Deployment Force in June, a TESEX in September and an overseas exercise to Kenya in November.

2RGJ

The past year has seen the Bn remaining in Palace Barracks, Belfast as the 39 Inf Bde reserve, remitted also to provide the GOC with a reserve Coy. In the uncertain times following the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire in Feb 96, notice to move times have been tight and we have had to maintain our skills in order to react to the unexpected. The Bn was fully committed during the flare up follow-

ing Drumcree in the Civil Disorder role, and has also deployed R Coy twice to South Armagh in the rural role. Since Oct the Bn has had a company deployed forward as the Belfast Roulement Battalion Ops Coy. The COP platoon has remained fully committed throughout the year and has produced good results. The Int cell is large and has provided continuity for the roulement battalions.

In April, the Bn received confirmation of the Arms Plot move (read rotation) to Paderborn in early 97. The Bn will assume command on 16 Jan 1997 and will take on the Armoured Infantry (AI) role. To prepare for the AI conversion, 60 officers and NCOs have gone on course, some for three months. This has been a challenge when set against the operational manning requirements of Northern Ireland. The process of moving coys began on 16 Dec 96 with B Coy leaving Northern Ireland, and will be complete when A Coy forms up in Paderborn on 24 Feb 97. As both battalions in the swap are of the Light Division, several soldiers from each unit have volunteered to stay behind, saving the crown roughly $220,000.00.

1997 is due to be a busy year. 2RGJ will convert from the Light (Northern Ireland) role to AI, it will provide two full Coy Groups to BATUS for Medicine Man 2 and 3, and will attend the 20 Armd Bde Ex Ulan Eagle in Poland in the autumn. The training program is designed to ensure that the Bn is capable of providing an AI Coy Gp for the Joint Rapid Deployment Force (JRDF) from June of 97 and is ready to meet a possible operational tour in 1998.

4RGJ

Training has been challenging and varied, with success in the LDIST Courage Trophy and annual camp at SENTA being the highlights. Individuals from the Battalion represented TAVARA in a shooting competition in the USA and others completed operational tours with regular Battalions in Bosnia and Northern Ireland. The Battalion has given a great deal of support to its affiliated Cadets and, as well as inviting them to attend any out of camp training, we laid on a special weekend exercise for them at Longmoor. Such was the success of this venture that it will be repeated in 1997. A Company also organised an excellent Army Day at West Ham which was designed to improve our historical links with the East End of London.

With 47 new recruits completing ITC Catterick in 1996 and 62 more in the mill at year end, recruiting is enjoying its success over 1995. Companies, aided by a battalion poster campaign in the London Underground, are continuing to focus on recruiting strategies.

Personalities have changed during the year with Mike Smith taking over command from Tom Hamilton-Baille in October and Tony Uyl arriving as QM. In January 1997, David Day takes over as Training Major from Mike Gleeson.

The Officers Mess/London Club has been renovated providing a new ante room and small reading room. Approximately $62,000 was raised through mem-

bership and trustee donations. In 1997, 90 members will travel to Belize for jungle training on Ex Native Trail, normally a regular exercise. Summer camp will be held at Leek and STANTA from 11-27 July and A Coy will deploy to France for two weeks in September. The battalion will also participate in Nijmegan Marches, Cambrian Patrol Competition and TASAM at Bisley, among others.

5RGJ

The role change from a National Defence Battalion to a Fire Support Battalion has meant the reorganization from 3 Rifle Companies to two Fire Support Companies each with an 81mm Mortar Platoon, a MILAN Anti-Tank Platoon, a GPMG (SF) Platoon and a large Company HQ. 1996 was therefore dominated by support weapons courses and weapons cadre training within the companies. The new MILAN Platoons took part in the LAND MILAN Concentration, showing well, and the Machine Gun Platoons took first and fourth in the 4 Div Match 9 competition. The Mortar Platoons have also been very busy conducting live firing in support of Infantry operations and for the Royal Artillery.

Exercise "Ham and Jam" was a battlefield tour of "Pegasus Bridge", the site where the Oxf/Bucks Light Infantry (our founding Regiment), then glider borne, commenced the D-Day landings by attacking and capturing the bridge and surrounding area. Colonels Tillett and Sweeney (battle veterans) led the tour of all the major landmarks and provided excellent commentary. A wreath laying ceremony and the Sounding of Retreat concluded the day's rewarding activities.

We have just welcomed LCol Greg Smith as our new CO, having served with the Battalion in the past in various appointments. LCol Smith is the battalion's first TA Commanding Officer. 1997 looks to be just as busy and exciting as 1996. We have the LAND Mortar Concentration and our own Brigades Concentration which will double as this year's camp. On that exercise we will be supplying Support Weapons Platoons to live fire for the Brigade Units.

2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps

The cadets of 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps filed back into AF-16 after their new year celebrations. Once the first parade of 1996 got underway, the thunderous voice of C/CWO Brent Wood echoed through the drill hall. The only comparable sound came from the 35 cadets on parade as they performed the drill with discipline and a sense of pride.

In February the 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps' biathlon team won the provincials. The team included: C/CWO Brent Wood, C/WO Ian Choate, and C/WO Ben Lees. They departed to nationals on March 1, but due to injury they were disqualified.

FTX "Spring Thaw", in early March, provided some excellent training that included: Field Craft, Bush Craft, Patrolling.

In mid March the rifle team competed at the provincial shoulder to shoulder and placed first in the province. The team consisted of C/CWO Brent Wood, C/WO Ian Choate, C/WO Ben Lees, and C/Cpl Roger Romses.

On May 11 the Corps participated in the Calgary Army Cadet Annual Inspection, where corps from all over came to parade. An excellent parade and demonstrations were put on by all.

The 40th reunion was held on June 7 and 8, where a historic event occurred. The Corps was presented with a new flag. Not since 1967 had the Corps had a new flag. It was an amazing event, and a great deal of people showed up to show support.

With the summer here, many cadets were off to Cadet Camp; the majority went to Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Center. With the summer coming to a close, the first parade since the reunion began. The Cadets were eager to reunite with their friends and exchange camp stories.

On October 2 C CWO Brent Wood retired and C/MWO Lindsay Goodrich took over as RSM of the corps. C/MWO Neil Schluter took over the position of CSM.

Regular training rifle and biathlon team continued until Dec 18 when all the cadets came together to wish each other happy holidays and to exchange gifts. The Christmas party ended the 1996 cadet year. This year will remain a very great one in many people in the corps' eyes. Yet we look on to 1997 hoping it to be even better.

2554 would also like to thank 1 PPCLI, A Coy in particular, for their excellent support and instruction.

C/Sgt Alexander deMuinik

2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps

1996 has proven to be a very successful year for both the cadets and staff of 2701 PPCLI. We had a number of field training exercises which helped the NCOs develop their leadership skills and taught the cadets how to be good followers.

Our first activity of the year was Tag Day, one of the corps fundraisers. We went out to various locations around the city and collected donations.

The NCO exercise was held in late September and provided a real challenge of both mind and body for the NCOs. The NCOs participated in leadership tasks, physical training, as well as some classroom instruction in administrational duties.

October saw the unit at the Manitoba North West Ontario Sports Tabloid. Our cadets competed against other corps from the area in various sports. Attendance proved high, and everyone enjoyed themselves. At the end of the month the unit held its first field exercise of the year at CFB Shilo. Exercise Kit Grip introduced new cadets to basic bushcraft and fieldcraft, as well as a bit of map and compass. Morale was high throughout the weekend even though the weather proved horrible.

In November the unit attended Remembrance Day services with the Battalion and was honoured to be invited. The remainder of the calendar year saw the unit staying close to home and carrying on with training in garrison.

In January the corps prepared to go snowshoeing and in mid-January hosted the Flin Flon Army Cadets for a day of sports, climbing and snowshoeing. In the following weeks, a number of our cadets participated in a CPR course and received their heartsaver's card.

With the coming of spring the corps was once again off to CFB Shilo for Exercise Patricia Move. With a year's training behind them the cadets had a better knowledge of fieldcraft and bushcraft skills, so things seemed to move at a faster pace. We capped off the training year with Exercise Cliff Stomp, our rappelling exercise. The corps travelled to Minaki, Ontario and got the chance to rappel down a 30 foot and a 120 foot cliff.

The 1995-1996 training year also saw our rifle team win the Provincial Championships and go on to compete at the Nationals in Ottawa. As well, our band and drumline were highly active and did a number of performances during the year.

Our year came to a close officially with the thirty-fourth Annual Ceremonial Review held on 1 June 1996. As well as our year end parade, it was also our change of command parade. Captain A.D.W. Jenkins stepped down as Commanding Officer and handed over command to Captain B.H. Kiecker. The parade was a tremendous success and was a wonderful way to finish off the year.

The summer saw the majority of our cadets going to summer camp, the majority going to Vernon. As well, several of our NCOs and officers took staff positions in Vernon and Banff. Two of our senior NCOs went away on advanced training courses: c/CWO Perry (Basic Parachutist's Course) and c/WO Tworek (Maple Leaf Exchange). Both cadets did very well and were ranked top course candidate on their courses.

"Just let go of the rope and everything will be all right," says Captain Kiecker to c/Private Flemington while c/Warrant Officer Van de Vorst looks on.

c/Warrant Officer Van de Vorst and c/Chief Warrant Officer Sklepowich receive the big handshake and plaque upon retirement by Captain Jenkins

2757 PPCLI Cadet Corps

The 2757 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp, located in Fernie, British Columbia, has had a very successful training year in 1996. Looking back at the Cadet Corps' accomplishments, they have come a long way in the past year. The Commanding Officer is Capt H. Edwards, with 2Lt Sutton as the Training Officer, Lt Gregr as the Supply Officer and Ocdt Burns as the Administration Officer. Civilian Instructors Kurschenska, Sutton, Brown, Edwards, Pennock and Razzo help out with training and whatever needs doing. Last of all, it is the Cadets in the Corp who have made the biggest accomplishments.

This year was the real starting point for our Pipe and Drum Band. The Band is under the direction of Civilian Instructors Brown and Kurschenska. The Pipe Major is Cdt Sgt Sutton N. So far the Band has competed at one regional competition in Creston, B.C. and placed first. They also played at our Cadet Corp annual inspection in May and at the swearing-in ceremony of the Mayor of Fernie which took place this past November. Many of our young pipers and drummers have done very well in learning their instrument.

The Cadet Corp Patrolling Team is doing well considering it is their first year together as a team. They placed second in the Regional Competition in May. The Patrol Commander is Cdt/Sgt Sutton N. and the members are Cdt Cpl Kurschenska, Cdt/Cpl Sutton B., Cdt/Pte Smith, Cdt/Cpl Colley and Cdt/Pte Sutton K

First Aid has been a big part of our training program. Our First Aid Instructor is CI Nick Sutton. The first aid team took second place at a local mine rescue competition this May. The members are Cdt Sgt Sutton N., Cdt Cpl Sutton B., Cdt MCpl Hesketh, Cdt Pte Sutton K. and the spare was Cdt/Pte Vandermeer.

This spring Cdt MWO Razzo C. passed his National Star Certification Exam in Chilliwack, B.C. During the summer several Cadets passed courses in Vernon, B.C. Cdt Sgt Sutton N. and Cdt MCpl Hesketh passed their Cadet Leader Instructor Band Course and Cadets Sutton B., Colley, Anderson and Smith passed their Cadet Leader Course. Cadets Vandermeer and Sutton K. attended Three Week Band and Rifle Courses.

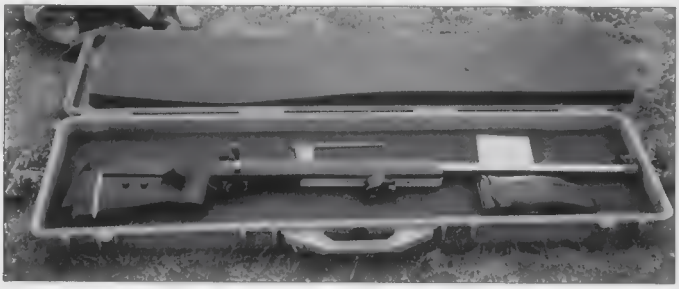
The Cadet Corp has been on several exercises. This April, the Corp attended Exercise "Bunny Hop" in Trail, B.C. which consisted of Army, Air and Sea Cadet Corps from this area. It was great for the different kinds of Corps to learn something about each other. The Army Cadets learned how to sail at the nearby lake while Sea, Army and Air Cadets concentrated on map and compass, patrolling and rapelling. This was an educational exercise that the cadets will not forget for a long time.

The Fernie Corp is looking at having a very successful new year. There are lots of upcoming exercises, competitions and courses which we will participate in with our usual high level of cooperation. We, at the Fernie Army Cadet Corp, wish everyone in the Regimental Family a Happy New Year.

CI Cliff Razzo

Army Cadet Bisley Team

This past summer was filled with fun times and memories that will last a lifetime for the Army Cadet Bisley Team. Our training for the summer started with a three day concentration over the May long weekend, where I was issued my C-12 rifle and was given countless briefings on what to expect in England.



C-12 Target Rifle.

In late June I arrived at the Connaught Ranges for two weeks of zeroing and brushing up on my marksmanship skills, after which the team departed for Bisley, England.

We arrived at the Honourable Artillery Company Shooting Lodge in the early hours of August 6. For most of our stay in England we were housed at the H.A.C.

Soon after our arrival in Bisley we began training with the British GP, a tamed down version of the regular army's L98A1. After one day of training on this rifle, we began competitions with it. We competed in the Inter-Service Cadet Rifle Meetings and the Schoolboy Matches; this was comprised of roughly 200 school teams from all over the U.K. Our team placed second overall. We then shot against the Bisley Teams British equivalent, the Athelings, with the GP, the end result being our team coming out on top.

We then carried on to shoot the Inter-Service short and long range competitions with our C-12 target rifles.

While in England I also had the opportunity to travel Southern England, where I had a chance to visit the Royal Marine Commando Training Center and was put through the same training that the recruits are put through daily. I also took a trip to Vimy Ridge, which was by far the most memorable, and sombre, experience while in Europe.

After spending four weeks in England, the team competed in the Ontario Rifle Association's Annual Matches in Borden. In this competition my senior partner and I placed first in the pairs competition.

David McEachern with L98A1 British Service Rifle.

David McEachern in Shooting Kit.

The team then returned home to the Connaught Ranges to complete the final competition, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Matches. On completion of the D.C.R.A., myself and five other members of the 1996 Bisley Team were selected to return the following year as members of the 1997 Bisley team.

This past summer was one that I will never forget and I could not have done it without the support of the PPCLI Association. I eagerly look forward to again competing against the British Cadets in 1997.

PATRICIAS!

C/Sgt David McEachern

Victoria Branch

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

Victoria association members have enjoyed a productive year, with several well-attended events, and the Regimental Band compact disc project brought to fruition. To top off the year, we even had a white Christmas. Yes, the stuff we all moved here to avoid came down big time. The mother of all Victoria snowfalls may not have been much by Rainbow Junction standards, but in a town that grinds to a halt with two inches of snow, three feet brought chaos. Among the victims were Chic Goodman's roof and Doug Jennings' hydro power.

Our 82nd Regimental Birthday was celebrated March 17 in the Bay Street Armouries where we hold our regular monthly meetings. General and Mrs. Hewson were able to attend, and Dick MacIntosh proposed the Regimental toast. In May we held a Frezenberg Day dinner at Jack Lee's Chinese Village Restaurant, where Doug Bell gave a stirring account of the battle from the Regimental history. Summer saw us at the Victoria Horseshoe Club for our annual picnic with the Korean Veterans Association. Jack deBruijne kindly donated a trophy for (what else) the horseshoe competition, which was won by John Crawford and Marg MacIntosh. Since the Italian game of bocce was also available, members gave it a try, and Frank Chevrier partnered with Morgan Desjarlais narrowly beat Don Worsfold and Kathy Sevenski 10 to 9. We have to thank the Entertainment Committee headed by Olive Miller (Mrs. Happy Harry) for all these successful events.

On September the 26th, Association and serving members got together at Spinnakers Pub to mug out Len Kopan from the Work Point Barber Shop. Len was in residence just a week short of 28 years. He has now moved to South Surrey in semi-retirement but insists on claiming it's White Rock, although he's two blocks from the White Rock border. Word is that it was not a good career move; since Surrey has a population of 30 thousand Sikhs who never get their hair cut, business is said to be slow. Walter is still cutting hair at Work Point, but having worked with Len for so long, he too has lost the ability to cut hair and talk at the same time.

John M. Tolley

Vancouver Branch

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

We held our first Annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, 8 December, 1996 and it was enjoyed by all that attended.

Now that we have a permanent home at the Seaforth Armouries, we plan to have more meetings and social activities. Our next social event will be our 17 March Birthday Luncheon to be held on Sunday, 16 March, 1997 at the Seaforth Armouries at 1300 hrs.

Elections were held for a new Executive on Sunday, 19 January, 1997: President – Charles Ball; Vice/Pres – Tom Holland; Sec/Tres – Don Boyce; Members At Large – Don Parr-Pearson, John Moore and Garry Jantzen.

A vote of thanks and appreciation for a job well done was extended to Bill Swift, retiring President, and Don Parr-Pearson, retiring Vice/President.

The new Executive is planning several activities for the coming year, and we extend an open invitation to all members of the PPCLI, active and retired, to please get in touch when in Vancouver, with the following: President Charlie Ball at 275-7911 or Garry Jantzen at 987-0384.

Garry Jantzen

Christmas Luncheon —
Standing, left to right: Gordon Smith, Doris Foulds, Charlie Ball.
Seated, left to right: Don Parr-Pearson, Garry Jantzen.

Okanagan/Thompson Branch
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

Erected in 1991 at Vernon Army Cadet Camp — The dream of a great Patricia (LCol Vince Lilley) has come to a true reality. Built by Patricias for Patricias.

BBQ at Jerry's lot on Lake Okanagan.
Sitting, left to right: Chris Yerburgh, Bill Davis, Tommy Thompson.
Standing: Jerry Richard (back to camera), Cliff Waselowich, Betty Farnell, Larry Harrington, Tina Yerburgh.

IN MEMORIAM

Vince Lilley, Wally Swanson, Al Neill,, Frank Corriea, Chuck Farnell, Don Hoffman, Henery LeClair,, Robert Frolek and Don McDonell.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Calgary Branch

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

1996 was indeed a year of ups and downs. Although the Calgary Branch maintained its strength and purpose, the imminent closure of CFB Calgary occupied our minds and conversations. And what is the impact on the Branch? We shall lose our meeting place, the WO's and Sgt' Mess. Admittedly, the same place kept many junior ranks from joining the Branch, yet the mess was a good place to meet. The RSM and all members of the First Battalion WO's and Sgt's mess did their best to make us welcome and we are forever thankful for their hospitality.

The future of the Regimental Museum occupied our minds as well. After all, it was the Calgary Branch that contributed much to the museum and still does. Many of our members volunteer as docents and thus add to the quality of public programming. As well, members continue to support the Association's sponsored Casino. We accept with satisfaction that the museum will "stay" in Calgary and we shall find a new meeting place before long.

Our social calendar was as exciting as ever. The Regimental Day was enjoyed by all and, subsequently, we commemorated by installing a stained glass window in the foyer of the museum. Over one hundred members attended the coverage. Many members were able to venture to Wainwright and take part in the founding of a new branch. The accommodations reminded us all of days gone by. The occasion, however, permitted us to renew many friendships and indeed make many new friends. Certainly, the Wainwright members proved to be generous hosts. In June, we held our annual barbecue and dance. Our entertainment committee, under the care of George Arthurson, did a superb job — we expected nothing less. The CO 1PPCLI and his charming wife were able to join us. Over 140 members and guests came out.

The AGM was attended by our President and Vice President. Much to their chagrin, council met earlier than expected and both had to leave their steak dinner unfinished! While many issues were discussed, few were resolved to the satisfaction of the Calgary Branch. It appears members in general have little to say regarding the business and operation of the corporate affairs of the Regiment, which is really regrettable. Surely, we need greater involvement and certainly deserve better.

After a typical Calgary summer, the Branch resumed the monthly meetings in September. In October, we held our traditional Octoberfest at the Kensington Branch of the R.C.L., with over 110 members and guests attending. It is understood that many "lederhosen" were worn, but some of them fitted leaner

bodies at earlier times. Remembrance Day saw many of our members attend regional activities, with our Vice President and party joining Patricias in Strathmore, Alberta. The social year ended with Branch members attending First Battalion's Men's Christmas Dinner. Our most venerable member, George Smith, was at his usual best by inspiring the young lads with a poem that touched all. The First Battalion presented George with a Certificate of Appreciation. One can still hear the applause echoing off the wall of AF-16. We are indeed proud to have George as a member of our Branch.

A Message of Cheer and Good News: Have a Good 1997!

Rudy Raidt

We lost 6 members in 1996. Our hearts go out to their families:

J.W. Miles – 20 January
J.E. Hood – 9 March
H. Haas – 3 August
R.A.F. Brignell – 14 October
L.A. Atkinson – 30 January
L.S. Skalicky – 6 May
L.A. White – 14 October
R.A. Coultier – 21 December

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN,
AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

The survivors of the First Annual Wainwright tour.
Casualty not in the picture, Neal Bynkoski.

Wainwright Branch

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

During Lady Patricia's visit to Wainwright in 1994, she challenged then Battle School RSM, Bert Scott, to start up a local branch of the PPCLI Association. Bert, who was about to be retired from regular service for being too old and too grouchy, took up the challenge. With help from Ed Bakker and Wally Komadina he began calling retired Patricias in Wainwright and area.

It took a while but we are pleased to announce that the first meeting of the Wainwright Branch was held in WO/Sgts Mess on 7 Nov 95. Bert Scott was elected President, Ed Bakker Vice President and Wally Komadina Secretary/Treasurer.

On 29 Jan 96 the National President, Doug Bedford, informed us that the formation of the Wainwright Branch was approved by the PPCLI Association.

From the start, we received outstanding support from Lieutenant-Colonel Austdal, Commanding Officer PPCLI Battle School, and his officers and NCOs. Several of them joined as serving members of the branch. Members of Wainwright Branch are included in all social activities of the Battle School such as mess dinners, men's Christmas dinner, and graduation parades.

Our branch held several functions throughout the year. The highlight was the April visit from members of Edmonton and Calgary branches. They apparently enjoyed the weekend in good old Wainwright. Activities included a tour of the Battle School, camp area and town of Wainwright. For some, a quick stop in the Park Hotel was a must to renew old acquaintances.

For those who ask, "Why would anyone retire in Wainwright?", I will let you know what some of our members are doing. Ed Bakker is the owner/president and the only full time employee of Bakker's Oilfield Services. Bill Gray controls all oil company operations in the camp training area. Bill Lemieux still puts on hockey skates and pretends to be Bobby Orr. It's a mystery what Don Ritheller does and it is best to keep it that way. Len Bogle is protecting Camp Wainwright when not busy walking his dogs. Tom Boyd manages the Junior Ranks Club and is very involved with the Legion. Roger Scully is a gentleman farmer, Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, Range Control Sgt, and part time Padre. He's got to be the richest man in the area. Arnie Lightbody retired again, however he still runs Arnie's Trophies business. Eugene Desjardins is a sergeant in CC of C. Mike Goetzman is WO1 of Camp Wainwright CC of C detachment. George Sillery's smiling face can be seen at the main gate to Camp Wainwright. Jack Revoy is still around but keeps a low profile. Al Sparks has not been retired long enough to know what he wants to do. John Smith continues to be the only part time soldier doing full time with the Battle School. Bill Miller is the recent arrival to

our area. He is living in Fabyan (Wainwright is too big for his taste). George Duffy is the president of Responsible Firearms Owners. He is very quickly becoming close to Alan Rock. Bert Scott and Wally Komadina are still making a very poor attempt at imitating Arnold Palmer.

Ed Bakker, Mrs. Bakker, Geo Duffy (no headdress in the mess, Geo) and Mrs. Duffy.

Bert Scott, President and Mrs Scott Al Sparks and Mrs. Sparks.

Geo Sillery, Mrs. Komadina and Wally Komadina listening to Geo's problems. Note: Wally's tie. It has been corrected by the kit shop.

Manitoba/NW Ontario Branch
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

For our branch, the 45th Kapyong Anniversary was the highlight of 1996. Over 200 members of the Old Guard, including close to 50 Kapyong Vets, came from as far away as Victoria, Halifax, Florida and Texas to take part. For a few, this was the first contact with the Regiment since the Korean War and they were not disappointed. The three day event, celebrated by the Second Battalion on the last weekend in June, was a terrific success and those who were here will long remember it as "the Kapyong Reunion".

The weekend began Friday afternoon with the Association's Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, this coincided with the opening of the Better 'Ole, putting many members in the painful position of having to decide which was the more important. Many of them were still in the Better 'Ole wrestling with this problem when the AGM ended.

The 1996 Hyundai Accent Hatchback, donated by Sargent Hyundai of Winnipeg and raffled by the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch of the Association, was won by Jean Swark of Winnipeg. Jean's brother Bill, who served with PPCLI early in World War II before transferring to the Special Service Force, is buried in a cemetery near Cassino.

Although our car raffle did not raise as much money as we had hoped, we were all pleased the car was won by a member of the Patricia Family and we did clear $6,787 after expenses. We donated $455 of the proceeds to the Winnipeg Children's Hospital Research Foundation and turned the remaining $6,332 over to Second Battalion to help offset the costs of the Kapyong 45th Anniversary.

Much of our time since the Kapyong weekend has been taken up with golf, with three tournaments hosted by the Association, the Second Battalion's Junior Ranks Club, and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Now we are getting ready for our winter sports (shivering, shovelling snow and pushing cars). We will not be parading with Second Battalion on November 11th as they will be in Wainwright training for their possible deployment in Bosnia, but we will be having our annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on November 10th.

We officially closed the year with our Annual Meeting in November where we elected Jerry Franc President for '97.

We have recruited 13 new members this year but this increase has been partially offset by the deaths of Jimmy Tew, Rick Hillyard, Mary Vaughan, Bob Rochon and Joe Stanley. We will miss them all but the loss of Mary Vaughan was particularly significant in that, as the widow of Jimmy Vaughan, our last "Original", she was our only living link with the First World War. We also seem to have lost three 1995 members who have not paid their dues this year. This leaves us with 112 members in good standing, six more than last year.

"Always a Patricia" *D'Arcy Best*

Last Post

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	PLACE
Armstrong, Glen S.	WWII/Korea	03 Jan 96	Lindsay, ON
Behma, Joseph William	WWII	13 Feb 96	Winnipeg, MB
Bidney, Peter	Korea	30 Dec 95	Edmonton, AB
Blakeney, Frederick E.	WWII/Reg F	19 Mar 96	Kentville, NS
Bodnar, Joseph	Reg F	16 Apr 96	Kamloops, BC
Borrowman, John A.	Reg F	05 Mar 96	Winnipeg, MB
Brignell, Frank	Reg F	14 Oct 96	Calgary, AB
Butz, Henry	Korea	24 Jun 96	Saskatoon, SK
Clark, Lester J.	WWII	8 Feb 96	Qualicum Beach, BC
Coleman, R.C. BGen, DSO, MC	WWII	Sep 96	Montreal, QC
Compeau, Louis Pierre	WWII	1 Jun 96	Winnipeg, MB
Craig, William	WWII/Korea	30 Mar 96	Richmond, BC
Cunningham, BGen R.	Reg F	1996	Middleton, NS
de Faye, Dick	–	15 Sep 96	Vancouver, BC
Demone, Allister R.	Reg F	14 Feb 96	Bridgewater, NS
Dobbs, Ken	–	Jul 96	Langley, BC
Dobson, James Harold	WWII	30 Jan 95	Victoria, BC
Dubois, Lawrence	WWII	25 May 96	Portage La Prairie, MB
Forbes, Victor	WWII	12 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Frolek, Robert (Bob)	Reg F	11 Jan 96	Kamloops, BC
Gillespie, Lyal	–	14 Jul 96	Peterborough, ON
Gladstone, J.W.	WWII	6 Apr 96	Killarney, MB
Gosney, William	Reg F	23 May 96	Surrey, BC
Granger, Herbert G.	WWII	1 Sep 96	Winnipeg, MB
Griffiths, Paddy	Reg F	23 Oct 95	Prince George, BC
Gurney, Gary	Reg F	Nov 95	Eldorado, ON
Hillyard, Varrick Brent	Korea	09 Feb 96	Winnipeg, MB
Hood, James	Reg F	09 Mar 96	Calgary, AB
Horodychuk, Everett S.	WWII	3 May 96	Rocanville, SK
Hrabi, Sigmond	WWII	17 Jan 96	Winnipeg, MB
Hunt, Leonard J.	WWII	31 May 96	Perth, ON
Isbister, Percy V.	Reg F	24 May 96	Vedder Crossing, BC
Kashmark, Peter A.	Korea	03 Jan 96	Redcliff, AB
Kitzman, Edward	Reg F	08 Dec 95	Hines Creek Br., AB
Kruch, Rudy	WWII	1995	Winnipeg, MB
Krumbergs, John	Korea	18 Jun 96	Ottawa, ON
Kushko, Wally R.	WWII	11 May 96	Surrey, BC
Lekivetz, Robert M.	Reg F	1995	Esquimalt, BC
MacKinnon, Duncan	WWII	9 May 96	Dryden, ON
Majore, John Joseph	Reg F	21 Apr 96	Regina, SK

Last Post

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	PLACE
Maley, Russell Nicholas	WWII	14 Dec 95	Winnipeg, MB
McDonell, Donald	–	1996	Vernon, BC
McFall, Samual	WWII	13 Feb 96	Vancouver, BC
McMaster, Earl	Reg F	17 Mar 96	Abbotsford, BC
Meeking, Linton	–	11 Jun 96	North Bay, ON
Mercer, Lloyd	Korea	20 Nov 95	Spaniard's Bay, NFLD
Miles, John (Doc)	Korea	21 Jan 96	Calgary, AB
Moore, John Henry	Reg F	19 Dec 95	Winnipeg, MB
Morrison, Richard Alfred	Reg F	12 Feb 96	Winnipeg, MB
Nault, Ores (Jerry)	WWII	10 Nov 95	Winnipeg, MB
Newman-Jones, Charles L.	Reg F	25 Jul 96	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Oldford, Andrew	Reg F	1996	Oromocto, NB
Polinsky, E.J.	–	25 Apr 96	Victoria, BC
Roach, W.D. (Bill), DSO	Reg F	07 Apr 96	Burnaby, BC
Rochon, Jean-Pierre	CF	19 Jul 96	Winnipeg, MB
Smith, Gerald R.	Reg F	12 Jun 96	Port Alberni, BC
Souch, William M.	WWII	7 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Stanley, Joseph M.	Korea	3 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Stewart, Andrew M.	WWII	4 Jun 96	Russell, MB
Stewart, George C.	WWII	13 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Stutt, W.H.J. (Bill)	Reg F	10 Feb 96	Edmonton, AB
Tew, James T.	WWII	12 Jan 96	Dryden, ON
Thibault, Louis	Reg F	02 Dec 95	Gaspe, QC
Thompson, Walter (Rocky)	WWII	13 Jan 96	Sioux Lookout, ON
Van Durme, Raymond	Korea/Reg F	Dec 95	Calgary, AB
Walker, L.C. (Leonard)	Reg F	10 Jan 96	New Westminster, BC
Whittington, L.A. (Dick)	Reg F	1995	Calgary, AB
Wilson, D.P. (David)	Reg F	11 Nov 96	Trenton, ON
Wyman, William Edward	Reg F	09 Dec 95	Vancouver, BC

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